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Semiannual Regulatory Agenda

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Interior.

ACTION: Semiannual regulatory agenda.

SUMMARY: This notice provides the semiannual agenda of rules scheduled for review or development between April 1999 and October 1999. The Regulatory Flexibility Act and Executive Order 12866 require publication of the agenda.

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Simultaneously, the Department meets the requirement of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) to publish an agenda in April and October of each year identifying rules that will have significant economic effects on a substantial number of small entities. We have specifically identified in the agenda rules that will have such effects.

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1648	Valuation of Gas From Indian Leases	1010-AB57
1649	Valuation of Oil From Federal Mineral Leases	1010-AC09
1650	Administrative Appeals Process	1010-AC21
1651	Valuation of Oil From Indian Leases	1010-AC24
1652	Accounting Relief for Marginal Properties	1010-AC30
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1654	Electronic Reporting	1010-AC40
1655	Update of Industry Electrical Standards	1010-AC50

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Minerals Management Service—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1656	Royalty Payment Liability	1010-AB45
1657	Credit Adjustments	1010-AB73

Minerals Management Service—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1658	Filing Fees for Required Records	1010-AC44
1659	Oil and Gas Production Rates	1010-AC53

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1660	Abandoned Coal Refuse Sites—Title I	1029-AB70
1661	Contemporaneous Reclamation	1029-AB79
1662	Indian Lands	1029-AB83
1663	Dam Safety Rules	1029-AB92
1664	Electronic Filing of the OSM-1 Form	1029-AB95

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1665	Definition and Criteria for Valid Existing Rights	1029-AB42
1666	Prohibitions Under Section 522(e) of SMCRA	1029-AB82
1667	Enhancing AML Reclamation	1029-AB89
1668	Ownership and Control—Redesign	1029-AB94

Bureau of Reclamation—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1669	Revenues Management	1006-AA30
1670	Recovering the Value of Rights of Use and Related Administrative Costs	1006-AA39

Bureau of Reclamation—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1671	Acreage Limitation Rules for Trusts	1006-AA38
1672	Offstream Storage of Colorado River Water and Interstate Marketing of Storage Credits in the Lower Division States	1006-AA40

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Bureau of Reclamation—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1673	Central Valley Project of California—Purposes, Uses, and Allocation of Water Supplies	1006-AA34

Bureau of Land Management—Proposed Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1674	Leases, Permits, and Easements	1004-AB51
1675	Sales—Federal Land Policy and Management Act	1004-AB77
1676	Oil and Gas Leasing; Drainage	1004-AC54
1677	Desert Land Entries	1004-AC56
1678	Disposal of Reserved Minerals Under the Stock Raising Homestead Act	1004-AC59
1679	Land Withdrawals	1004-AC63
1680	Cost Recovery; Mineral Filings and Operations	1004-AC64
1681	Rights-of-Way, Principles and Procedures; Rights-of-Way Under the Mineral Leasing Act	1004-AC74
1682	Land Classification	1004-AC78
1683	Carey Act Grants	1004-AC80
1684	Segregation and Opening of Lands	1004-AC84
1685	Oil and Gas Leasing and Operations	1004-AC94
1686	Appeals Procedures; Hearings Procedures	1004-AC99
1687	Color of Title and Omitted Lands	1004-AD00
1688	Paleontological Resources	1004-AD03
1689	Geothermal Resource Unit Agreement	1004-AD10
1690	Coal Management	1004-AD11
1691	Oil and Gas Leasing; National Petroleum Reserve, Alaska—Unit Agreements	1004-AD13
1692	Surface Management (Locatable Minerals)	1004-AD22
1693	Financial Assistance; Local Governments	1004-AD23
1694	Use Authorizations (Recreation)	1004-AD25
1695	Advisory Committees	1004-AD26
1696	Coal Management: General (Public Participation)	1004-AD27
1697	Mineral Materials Disposal	1004-AD29
1698	Emergency Fire and Disaster Rehabilitation	1004-AD30
1699	Location Recording, and Maintenance of Mining Claims and Sites	1004-AD31
1700	Mineral Patent Applications; Adverse Claims, Protests, and Conflicts	1004-AD32
1701	Alaska Native Veterans Allotments	1004-AD34

Bureau of Land Management—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1702	Management of Designated Wilderness Area	1004-AB69
1703	Management of Solid Minerals Other Than Coal	1004-AC49
1704	Definitions	1004-AC73
1705	Indian Allotments	1004-AC77
1706	Application Procedures	1004-AC83

Bureau of Land Management—Long-Term Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1707	Coalbed Methane Development	1004-AC27
1708	Railroad Grants	1004-AC76

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Bureau of Land Management—Completed Actions

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1709	Mineral Materials Disposal	1004-AC68
1710	Conveyances, Disclaimers, and Correction Documents	1004-AC82
1711	Helium Contracts	1004-AD24

Office of the Secretary—Final Rule Stage

Sequence Number	Title	Regulation Identifier Number
1712	Wild and Scenic Rivers	1093-AA08

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Proposed Rule Stage

Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1392. NATURAL RESOURCE DAMAGE ASSESSMENTS: TYPE B PROCEDURES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 9651(c)

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: CERCLA and the Clean Water Act allow natural resource trustees to bring a claim against a potentially responsible party for resources that have been injured by a release of a hazardous substance. CERCLA requires that natural resource damage assessment regulations be promulgated and that the regulations be reviewed, and revised as appropriate, every two years. This rulemaking is the biennial review of the administrative process for conducting assessments as well as the so-called "type B" procedures for determining injury and damages through scientific and economic studies. This rulemaking will also address the calculation of lost non-use values of natural resources, in compliance with State of Ohio v. Department of the Interior, 880 F.2d 432 (D.C. Cir. 1989), which ordered the Department to allow for the assessment of all reliably calculated values lost as a result of a natural resource injury.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/16/96	61 FR 37031
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/16/96	
NPRM	09/00/99	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1090-AA29

1393. RECORDS AND TESTIMONY; FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 552 Freedom of Information Act

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: 43 CFR part 2, subparts A and B, are being revised in their entirety to reflect the provisions of the new FOIA law "Electronic FOIA Amendments of 1996," Pub. L. 104-231, the recommendations of the National Performance Review lab, and other changes as necessary.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Alexandra Mallus, DOI FOIA Officer (OIRM), Department of the Interior, Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget
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RIN: 1090-AA61

1394. NONDISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEX IN FEDERALLY ASSISTED EDUCATION PROGRAMS OR ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 92-318; PL 93-568, sec 3; 20 USC 1681; 20 USC 1682; 20 USC 1683; 20 USC 1685; 20 USC 1686

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 41

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The purpose of this regulatory action is to proscribe discrimination on the basis of sex in federally assisted education programs or activities of the Department of the Interior.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1090-AA64

1395. DEPARTMENT HEARINGS AND APPEALS; SPECIAL RULES APPLICABLE TO PUBLIC LAND HEARINGS AND APPEALS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1201**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 4.415; 43 CFR 4.404; 43 CFR 4.403; 43 CFR 4.405; 43 CFR 4.406; 43 CFR 4.414; 43 CFR 4.401(c)(2); 43 CFR 4.422(c)(2); 43 CFR 4.450-5; 43 CFR 4.407; 43 CFR 4.408**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This document proposes to amend procedural rules governing hearings and appeals in public lands cases. The amendments are necessary to conform the rules to procedural practices contained in decisions of the Interior Board of Land Appeals. The amended rules would provide parties more complete information and more up-to-date procedures than the existing rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/99	

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/00/99	
Final Action Effective	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 1090-AA68

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

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Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1396. REVISED STATUTE 2477 RIGHTS-OF-WAY**Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1732(b); 43 USC 1740; 43 USC 1457; 43 USC 1782(c); 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 460k-3; 16 USC 1 to 4**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 39**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This proposed rule would implement the Secretary of the Interior's June 1, 1993, recommendation to Congress that the Department promulgate regulations addressing rights-of-way pursuant to R.S. 2477 across lands now administered by the Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. R.S. 2477—a provision adopted in 1866 that granted a right-of-way for the construction of highways across public land not reserved for public uses—was repealed in 1976 but valid existing rights-of-way were not terminated. This proposed rule is intended to clarify the meaning of the statute and provide a workable administrative process and standards for recognizing valid claims.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/01/94	59 FR 39216
NPRM Comment Period End	08/01/95	60 FR 4135
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 1090-AA44

1397. ADMINISTRATIVE AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COST PRINCIPLES FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS; BUY AMERICAN ACT**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Unfunded Mandates:** This action may affect State, local or tribal governments.**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 31 USC 6101 note; 31 USC 7501; 41 USC 252a; 41 USC 701 et seq; PL 104-256, sec 501; PL 105-62, sec 503; PL 105-62, sec 303; PL 105-83, sec 307; EO 12549; EO 12674; EO 12689; EO 12731; OMB Circular A-102; OMB Circular A-110**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 12**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This final rule is in response to the "Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998," and the "Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 1998." It implements provisions regarding lobbying restrictions; denial of funds for preventing ROTC access to campuses; and the purchase of American-made equipment and products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 1090-AA66

1398. ADMINISTRATIVE AND AUDIT REQUIREMENTS AND COST PRINCIPLES FOR ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS, SEAT BELT USAGE**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 31 USC 6101 note; 31 USC 7501; 41 USC 252a; 41 USC 701 et seq; PL 104-256, sec 501; PL 105-62, sec 503; PL 105-62, sec 303; PL 105-83, sec 307; EO 12549; EO 12674; EO 12689; EO 12731; EO 13043; OMB Circular A-102**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 12**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This final rule will implement sections 1(c) and 2 in Executive Order 13043 of April 16, 1997, "Increasing Seat Belt Use in the United States." This rule will amend section 12.2 of subpart A of 43 CFR part 12 to add these provision and will

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apply to grants and cooperative agreements awarded by the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Additional Information: LEGAL AUTHORITY CONT: OMB Circular A-110; OMB Circular A-133

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RIN: 1090-AA67

1399. • RULES APPLICABLE IN INDIAN AFFAIRS HEARINGS AND APPEALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 25 USC 372

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4.271; 43 CFR 4.320

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action will amend the Office of Hearings and Appeals rules at 43 CFR 4.271 to clarify who has authority to make distributions in cash or trust personal property, and under what circumstances this authority can be exercised. This action will amend the regulations to clarify that BIA Superintendents will have the responsibility for making distribution determinations when an Indian dies intestate leaving only trust personal property or cash. The regulation will

also amend the current regulation to increase the amount of cash or trust property that the Superintendent has jurisdiction to distribute to less than \$5,000 not including interest.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1090-AA70

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

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Assistant Secretary for Policy, Management and Budget (ASPMB)

1400. DEPARTMENT HEARINGS AND APPEALS PROCEDURES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 4.350

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/18/99	64 FR 13362
Final Action Effective	03/18/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1090-AA69

BILLING CODE 4310-RK-F

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Office of the Special Trustee (OST)

1401. SPECIAL DEPOSITS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 42 USC 4043

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 115; 25 CFR 123; 25 CFR 124; 25 CFR 114; 25 CFR 125

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule transfers from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians (OST) five CFR parts relating to management of Indian trust funds. The Department is making this change to implement title II of the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994. This change will clarify the questions that have arisen since the passage of the Act about the responsibilities of BIA and OST regarding trust resources and assets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 1035-AA01

1402. APPEALING ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL TRUSTEE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-412

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1202

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will establish a procedure for appealing decisions of the Office of the Special Trustee and the Office of Trust Funds Management.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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BILLING CODE 4310-53-F

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Prerule Stage

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

**1403. • INJURIOUS WILDLIFE;
ADDITION OF THE ASIAN SWAMP
EEL**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is
undetermined.

Legal Authority: 18 USC 42

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 16

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will review economic and
biologic information on the Asian
swamp eel (tentatively identified as
Monopterus albus) for possible addition
to the list of injurious wildlife under
the Lacey Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:
Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AF53

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

United States Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS)

**1404. CONVENTION ON
INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
ENDANGERED SPECIES (CITES)**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This will be a revision to an
existing rule that will incorporate
decisions/interpretations made at the
last nine Conferences of the Parties to
the Convention on International Trade
in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna
and Flora.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD87

**1405. PROPOSED SPECIAL RULE
WITH THE RECLASSIFICATION OF
THE VICUNA FROM ENDANGERED TO
THREATENED**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This special rule will be
associated with the proposed
reclassification of vicuna from
endangered to threatened under the
Endangered Species Act. The rule will
provide for the conservation of the
species and will stipulate conditions
that must be met to allow for the
importation of commercial specimens
of the species (i.e., wool and wool
products).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: Federal

Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman,
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Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE04

**1406. REVISE AND AMEND HUNTING
AND DISTURBANCE REGULATIONS
ON UNITS OF THE NATIONAL
WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460K; 16 USC
664; 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 685; 16
USC 690d; 16 USC 715i; 16 USC 715s;
16 USC 725; 43 USC 315a; 5 USC 301;
5 USC 685; 5 USC 752; 5 USC 690d;
PL 105-57

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 25; 50 CFR 27;
50 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to
revise nontoxic shot provisions for
hunting upland game on Waterfowl
Production Areas and other units of the
National Wildlife Refuge System
(System), and modify certain
disturbance regulations against plants,
animals, and nonwildlife property on
all units of the System.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief,
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Interior, United States Fish and
Wildlife Service

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Proposed Rule Stage

Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE50

1407. HUMANE AND HEALTHFUL TRANSPORT OF WILD MAMMALS, BIRDS, REPTILES AND AMPHIBIANS TO THE UNITED STATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 18 USC 42; 16 USC 3371 to 3378

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 14

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed rule contains amendments designed to add numerous transport standards to part 14 for reptiles and amphibians. Standards have already been promulgated for mammals and birds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AF27

1408. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PREBLES MEADOW JUMPING MOUSE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.40

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will propose a special rule under the Endangered Species Act allowing limited incidental take of the Prebles Meadow jumping mouse in Colorado.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/03/98	63 FR 66777
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	03/06/99	64 FR 12924

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	04/30/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF30

1409. • NATIONAL BOATING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-178, sec 7404

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 86

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We are establishing the rules for the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program and the survey of boaters and access providers to determine facilities and needs for transient boaters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

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RIN: 1018-AF38

1410. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; COLUMBIA WHITE-TAILED DEER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to remove the Douglas County, Oregon, population of the Columbia white-tailed deer from the list of endangered and threatened species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF43

1411. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; COASTAL CUTTHROAT TROUT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Together with the National Marine Fisheries Service, we will determine whether to list the southeastern Washington/Columbia River population of the coastal cutthroat trout under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act. We will also determine whether to remove from the list the Umpqua River population.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF45

1412. • IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION, AND TRANSPORTATION OF WILDLIFE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 704, 712, 1382, 1538(d)-(f), and 1540(f); 16 USC 3371-3378, 4223-4244, and 4901-4916; 18 USC 42; 31 USC 483(a)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 14

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: We will review our wildlife exportation and importation regulations pertaining to domesticated species, certain captive-bred and captive-born species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	07/15/98	63 FR 38143
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AF46

1413. • ADMINISTRATION OF THE NATIONAL COASTAL WETLANDS CONSERVATION GRANT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3951 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 87

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will establish the requirements of the National Coastal Wetlands Conservation Grant Program, authorized by section 305 of the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act. The program is designed to assist coastal States by providing grants to State agencies to protect and restore their coastal wetland ecosystems. The proposed rule includes the goals of the program, eligibility requirements, ranking criteria, and grant administration procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AF51

1414. • 1999-2000 REFUGE-SPECIFIC HUNTING AND SPORT FISHING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 16 USC 460k; 16 USC 664; 16 USC 668 dd-ee; 16 USC 715i

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will propose to open additional national wildlife refuges for hunting and/or sport fishing, and to provide refuge-specific regulations for such activities. We will also propose to amend certain regulations on other refuges that pertain to migratory game bird hunting, upland game hunting, big game hunting, and sport fishing for the 1999-2000 season.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF52

1415. • MARINE MAMMALS; INCIDENTAL TAKE OF POLAR BEAR AND PACIFIC WALRUS DURING SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will propose regulations that would authorize for the next five years the incidental, unintentional take of small numbers of polar bear and

Pacific walrus during year-round oil and gas industry operations (exploration, development, and production) in the Beaufort Sea and adjacent northern coast of Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AF54

1416. • POLICY FOR EVALUATION OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN ENDANGERED SPECIES DECISION-MAKING

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We would provide guidance concerning the evaluation of conservation agreements, conservation plans, management plans, and other formalized conservation efforts in making listing decisions under the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1018-AF55

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1417. EAGLE PERMITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 668

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 22

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Presently, the taking, possession, and transportation of bald or golden eagles, or their parts, nests, or eggs for the religious use of Native Americans is a permitted activity. The Service proposes to revise 50 CFR 22.22 to provide an import or export mechanism for eagle feathers legally possessed by Native Americans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/16/94	59 FR 30892
NPRM Comment Period End	08/15/94	
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AB81

1418. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: INTERCROSS PROGENY POLICY AND DEFINITIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service propose to amend the regulations implementing the Endangered Species Act by adding definitions for intercross and intercross progeny (to include hybrids). Also, 50 CFR 17.11(g) and 17.12(g) will be amended by adding wording to indicate that the listing of a taxon as endangered or threatened would include all individuals that share characteristic traits of that taxon including individuals produced under conditions of confinement. The amendments are necessary in order to proceed with the

evaluation and implementation of intercrossing as a recovery technique for the Florida panther.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/07/96	61 FR 4710
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AC54

1419. RECLASSIFICATION OF YACARE CAIMAN FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED WITH SPECIAL RULE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will declassify populations of the Yacare caiman in South America. Also included in this rulemaking is a special rule to allow commercial trade in skins other parts, and products of Yacare caimans from South America. The combination of actions proposed will have the effect of stimulated legal and responsible trade in Yacare caiman hides and, in this respect, constitutes removal of a barrier to trade.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/23/98	63 FR 50850
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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RIN: 1018-AD67

1420. MIGRATORY BIRD SPECIAL PURPOSE CANADA GOOSE PERMIT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes, in cooperation with State wildlife agencies, to establish a Canada goose wildlife damage management program. This program is designed to provide a more cost-effective and efficient method for the control of locally breeding (resident) Canada geese that pose a threat to health and human safety and are responsible for damage to personal and public property.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/31/98	63 FR 15698
NPRM Comment Period End	06/01/98	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	07/23/98	63 FR 39553
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
 Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE46

1421. MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; FEDERAL FALCONRY STANDARDS; DETERMINATION THAT VERMONT AND WEST VIRGINIA MEET OR EXCEED FEDERAL FALCONRY STANDARDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712(2)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the Federal falconry standards to add Vermont and West Virginia as falconry States. This approval will lift a prohibition for these States to practice falconry. The Service is also republishing the entire list of States approved for falconry. The Service proposes to administratively correct the regulations concerning the procedures for certification of compliance. The

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present procedures do not clearly outline the procedures followed for the certification process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/18/98	63 FR 44229
NPRM Comment Period End	09/17/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE65

1422. SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS IN ALASKA - SUBPARTS C AND D—1999-2000 SUBSISTENCE TAKING OF FISH AND WILDLIFE REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3111 to 3126

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would revise the customary and traditional use determinations and establish regulations for hunting and trapping seasons, harvest limits, methods, and means related to taking of wildlife for subsistence uses during the 1999-2000 regulatory year. The rulemaking is necessary because subpart D regulations require annual public review, and customary and traditional use determinations are also open to the same annual regulatory revision process. When final this rulemaking will replace hunting and trapping regulations in "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska; subparts C and D--1998-1999 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations," which expires on June 30, 1999. This is a joint program with the Departments of Interior and Agriculture.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/98	63 FR 43990
NPRM Comment Period End	10/23/98	
Final Action	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Richard Pospahala, Chief, Office of Subsistence Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE69

1423. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED YREKA PHLOX

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Yreka phlox (*Phlox hirsuta*). This species is known from Siskiyou County, northern CA. Threats include development and road maintenance activities.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/98	63 FR 15820
NPRM Comment Period End	06/01/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE82

1424. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED BLUMER'S DOCK

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Blumer's dock (*Rumex orthoneurus*). This species is known from Gila and Cochise Counties, AZ. Threats include habitat modification and destruction caused by mining, cattle grazing, recreation, and road construction.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/98	63 FR 15813
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	07/29/98	63 FR 40389
NPRM Comment Period End	07/30/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE89

1425. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED IN THE UNITED STATES THE SHORT-TAILED ALBATROSS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered in the United States the short-tailed albatross. Due to an oversight when the foreign and native species lists of the 1969 Endangered Species Conservation Act were merged, the U.S. population of this species was not listed. This proposed listing, if made final, would extend endangered status throughout the species' range. The species nests on certain Japanese islands but ranges into U.S. coastal waters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/02/98	
Final Action	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE91

1426. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; DELIST DISMAL SWAMP SOUTHEASTERN SHREW

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to remove the Dismal Swamp Southeastern Shrew from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife. The Dismal Swamp Southeastern Shrew was listed as a threatened species in 1986 under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. New data indicate that this species is more widely distributed than previously believed, is fairly abundant within its range, occurs in a wide variety of habitats, and is genetically secure. The Service concludes that the data supporting the original classification were incomplete and that the new data indicate removing the Dismal Swamp Southeastern Shrew from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife is warranted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/21/98	63 FR 56128
NPRM Comment Period End	12/21/98	
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF00

1427. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST CONTIGUOUS U.S. DISTINCT POPULATION SEGMENTS OF CANADA LYNX AS THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, July 8, 1999.

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the contiguous States population of the Canada lynx as threatened, with a special rule, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This population segment includes the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, and Massachusetts. The contiguous U.S. population segment of the Canada lynx is threatened by human alteration of forests, low numbers as a result of past overexploitation, expansion of the range of competitors (bobcats, coyotes), and elevated levels of human access into lynx habitat. This rule also lists the captive population of Canada lynx within the coterminous U.S. (lower 48) as threatened due to similarity of appearance with a special rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/08/98	63 FR 36994
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/98	
Final Action	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF03

1428. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO REMOVE PEREGRINE FALCON IN NORTH AMERICA FROM LIST OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to remove the peregrine falcon in North America from the list of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. The Service proposes this action because the available data indicate that this species has recovered following restrictions on organochlorine pesticides in the U.S. and Canada and following implementation of successful management activities, including the reintroduction of captive bred and relocated wild hatchling peregrine falcons. Currently, a minimum of 1,204 American peregrine falcon pairs are found in Alaska, Canada, and the western U.S., and a minimum of 173 falcon pairs are found in the eastern U.S. At least 31 pairs occur in 6 midwestern States not covered by the Peregrine Falcon Recovery Plan or the two recovery plans for the American peregrine falcon in the western United States. The proposed action will remove the American peregrine falcon as an endangered species and will remove the designation of endangered due to similarity of appearance for any free-flying peregrine falcons within the 48 coterminous States from the list of endangered and threatened wildlife. The proposed action removes all Endangered Species Act protections from all subspecies and populations of North American *Flaco Peregrinus*. There is a mandatory five-year monitoring program that follows delisting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/26/98	63 FR 45446
NPRM Comment Period End	11/24/98	
Final Action	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,

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1429. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ARMORED SNAIL AND CAMPELOMA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The armored snail occurs in Piney and Limestone Creeks, Alabama. Threats include a general deterioration of water quality resulting from siltation and other pollutants. The slender campeloma is also a snail and is currently believed to occur only in the middle to lower reaches of Round Island, Piney, and Limestone Creeks, Alabama. Threats also include a general deterioration of water quality.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/98	63 FR 57642
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF29

1430. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; DESERT YELLOWHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to list the desert yellowhead, a plant in Wyoming, under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/22/98	63 FR 70745
Final Action	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF31

1431. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; SANTA ANA SUCKER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to list the Santa Ana sucker under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/26/99	64 FR 3915
Final Action	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF34

1432. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; MOUNTAIN PLOVER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to list the mountain plover under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/16/99	64 FR 7587
Final Action	02/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF35

1433. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE CACTUS FERRUGINOUS PIGMY OWL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.95

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We propose to designate critical habitat in Arizona for the cactus ferruginous pigmy owl under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/30/98	63 FR 71820
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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1434. ● ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE HUACHUCA WATER UMBEL, A PLANT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.96

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We propose to designate critical habitat in Arizona for the Huachuca water umbel (a plant) under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/30/98	63 FR 71838
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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1435. CAPTIVE-BRED WILDLIFE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Fish and Wildlife Service regulates certain activities involving non-native endangered or threatened wildlife species that are born in captivity in the United States. Currently, this is accomplished by requiring persons who wish to conduct otherwise prohibited activities with such wildlife to register with the Service to obtain a captive-bred wildlife or CBW registration. These regulations will be reviewed to determine if further action is necessary to relieve certain restrictions on the public that may have become burdensome, counterproductive, or outmoded.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/07/92	57 FR 548
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/09/92	
NPRM	06/11/93	58 FR 32632
NPRM Comment Period End	09/09/93	
NPRM	12/27/93	58 FR 68323
Interim Final Rule	12/27/93	58 FR 68323
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: On June 11, 1993, the Service published a proposed rule that would revise the captive-bred wildlife regulations and the definitions of the terms "harass" and "enhance the propagation or survival." During the 90-day comment period, extensive comments on the proposal were

received. The Service has decided to eliminate education as the sole basis for justifying issuance of a captive-bred wildlife registration, and a final rule to that effect was published on December 27, 1993 (58 FR 68323). The Service will split this action into three final rules and reopen the comment period on the balance of the issues in the proposals including the question of the value of education as it relates to endangered species permits.

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1436. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which would list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, certain species of fish, wildlife, and plants under the Endangered Species Act, and where prudent, would identify critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. Such actions are taken upon determination that species are endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:**Addax antelope**

NPRM 11/05/91 (56 FR 56491)
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Dama gazelle

NPRM 11/05/91 (56 FR 56491)

Ohio emerald dragonfly

Final Action 01/26/95 (60 FR 5267)

Oryx antelope

NPRM 11/05/91 (56 FR 56491)
NPRM Comment Period Reopened
06/08/92 (57 FR 24220)

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AB66

1437. LIST OF MIGRATORY BIRDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 704; 16 USC 712

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 10.13

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The List of Migratory Birds found at 50 CFR 10.13 is being revised to (1) bring the list into conformity with generally accepted taxonomy and nomenclature--English (common) and scientific names, as reflected in four published supplements to the 6th (1983) edition of the American Ornithologists' Union Checklist of North American Birds; and (2) add species that are of regular occurrence in the United States that are not included on the current list.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/09/95	60 FR 24686
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AB72

1438. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which would list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, certain species of fish, wildlife, and plants under the Endangered Species Act, and where prudent, would identify critical habitat for endangered and threatened species. Such actions are taken upon determination that species are endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:**Appalachian elktoe**

NPRM 09/03/93 (58 FR 46940)
Final Action 11/23/94 (59 FR 60324)

Arroyo southwestern toad

NPRM 08/03/93 (58 FR 41378)
NPRM Comment Period Reopened 09/09/93 (58 FR 47428)
Final Action 12/16/94 (59 FR 64859)

Dugong

NPRM 08/05/93 (58 FR 41688)

Louisiana black bear

NPRM 12/03/93 (58 FR 63560)
NPRM Comment Period Reopened 03/07/94 (59 FR 10607)
Notice of Draft 08/17/98 (63 FR 43954)
Final Action To Be Determined

McFarlane's four-o'clock

NPRM 08/26/93 (58 FR 45085)
Final Action 03/15/96 (61 FR 10693)

Pahrump poolfish

Final Action 08/05/93 (58 FR 41688)
NPRM 09/22/93 (58 FR 49279)

Southwestern willow flycatcher

Final Action 07/22/97 (62 FR 39129)

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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1439. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; RECLASSIFICATION OF THE LOCH LOMOND COYOTE THISTLE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Regulations will be developed which will list, reclassify, or delist, as appropriate, the Loch Lomond coyote thistle under the Endangered Species Act. Where prudent, critical habitat will be identified for the species. Such actions are taken upon determination that the species is endangered, threatened, or neither, and are based solely on the biological information available to the Department.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/29/93	58 FR 62629
NPRM Comment Period End	01/28/94	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AC14

1440. EXPORT OF AMERICAN GINSENG HARVESTED IN 1994-1996

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule will announce findings on the export of American ginseng from the 1994-96 harvest season in 21 States. The Service reviews information and data as a basis for determining whether to continue

approval of export from specified States for this harvest season, or to initiate changes. Also North Dakota has applied to export cultivated ginseng under a State program, and Michigan has submitted draft legislation and is intending to apply soon to export ginseng. Acceptance of information provided by State ginseng management programs allows the Service to expedite the issuance of permits as required by the CITES treaty.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/26/94	59 FR 49046
NPRM Comment Period End	10/26/94	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AC55

1441. GENERAL PROVISIONS AND GENERAL PERMIT PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 10; 50 CFR 13; 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend 50 CFR part 13 which provides uniform permit procedures relating to the application, issuance renewal, suspension, revocation, and general administration of Service permits. The Service's criteria for suspension and revocation of permits and its review procedures will also be revised. Permit fee rates are amended to increase rates for the cost of processing certain permits. This change is necessary in order to recover a larger percentage of the cost of processing the permits. Several new permit fee exemptions will be added.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/05/95	60 FR 46087
NPRM Correction	09/27/95	60 FR 49976
NPRM Comment	11/15/95	60 FR 57386
Period Reopened		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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1442. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: TROPICAL BIRDS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for up to 38 species of tropical birds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State

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RIN: 1018-AC77**1443. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: FOUR SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA PLANTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations will be developed to determine the appropriate

status for four plants found in southwestern California and northwestern Baja California, Mexico. These species are: Munz's onion, San Jacinto Valley crownscale, Thread-leaved brodiaea, and Spreading navarretia. These four plants occur in vernal pools and other wetlands or on clay soils and moist grasslands throughout their range. Critical habitat will be proposed only for the San Jacinto Valley crownscale, at this time.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/15/94	59 FR 64794
NPRM Comment	02/13/95	
Period End		
NPRM Comment	03/07/95	60 FR 12531
Period Reopened		
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State

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RIN: 1018-AC88**1444. SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE PROCEDURES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 4222 to 4241; 16 USC 4901 to 4916; 18 USC 42

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 12**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend regulations in 50 CFR part 12 that establish procedures relating to property seized or subject to administrative forfeiture under various laws enforced by the Service. This revision is intended to provide uniform guidance for the bonded release, appraisal, administrative proceeding petition for remission, and disposal of items subject to forfeiture. Also these revisions are intended to provide for greater consistency of Service seizure and forfeiture procedures with those of the U.S. Customs Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/27/95	60 FR 58468
Interim Final Rule	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal

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RIN: 1018-AC89**1445. CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR THE LOST RIVER AND SHORNOSE SUCKERS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will identify critical habitat for the Lost River and Shortnose suckers, two species federally listed as endangered. Both species are endemic to the Upper Klamath River Basin of Oregon and California.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/94	59 FR 61744
NPRM Comment	01/30/95	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AC90**1446. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: LEAST CHUB****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

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Long-Term Actions

Abstract: Regulations will be developed that will determine the appropriate status for the Least chub under the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/29/95	60 FR 50518
NPRM Comment Period End	11/28/95	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/07/96	61 FR 29047
Notice	09/25/97	62 FR 50394
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1018-AC91

1447. REVISION OF MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS, 50 CFR PART 20

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 711; 16 USC 712; 16 USC 742a to 742d; 16 USC 742e to 742j

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to revise and update regulations governing migratory bird hunting. Changes will be proposed that will clarify and include all the specific prohibitions in part 20 to apply to migratory game hunting during closed and open hunting seasons.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State

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1448. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR THE WESTERN SNOWY PLOVER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to designate critical habitat for the Pacific coast population of the Western snowy plover. The plover was listed as a threatened species on March 5, 1993. Critical habitat for the plover is proposed in coastal areas of Washington, Oregon, and California.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/02/95	60 FR 11768
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/15/95	60 FR 25882
Next Action	Undetermined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AD10

1449. MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT; UNINTENTIONAL TAKE OF MARINE MAMMALS BY HARASSMENT ONLY IN ACTIVITIES OTHER THAN COMMERCIAL FISHING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended in April 1994 authorizes the Secretary to allow U.S. citizens to incidentally unintentionally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment only for periods up to 1 year during specified activities other than commercial fishing. This regulatory

action would implement this statutory provision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AD18

1450. MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT; MEASURES TO SAFELY DETER MARINE MAMMALS, INCLUDING THREATENED AND ENDANGERED MARINE MAMMALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Marine Mammal Act as amended in April 1994, requires the Service to develop a list of guidelines to safely deter marine mammals for which the Service has statutory management responsibility, including threatened and endangered species. Such measures of deterrence are for use in protecting: (1) fishing gear or catch; (2) private property; (3) personal human safety; or (4) public property. This regulatory action would implement these statutory provisions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AD19

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1451. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; SPECIAL RULE FOR THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service will propose a section 4(d) rule for the northern spotted owl under the Endangered Species Act that will define the conditions under which incidental take of the species through habitat modification would not be a violation of section 9 of the Act. An environmental impact statement is also being prepared and will be available for review concurrent with the proposed rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/17/95	60 FR 9484
NPRM Comment Period End	05/18/95	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/18/95	60 FR 26712
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	07/17/95	60 FR 36382
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	09/25/95	60 FR 49358
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	11/27/95	60 FR 58323
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	01/31/96	61 FR 3369
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	02/23/96	61 FR 6964
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	04/08/96	61 FR 15452
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/10/96	61 FR 21426
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/17/96	61 FR 30588
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AD20

1452. TAXONOMIC CHANGE FROM SUBSPECIES TO VERTEBRATE POPULATION SEGMENT FOR THE VIRGIN RIVER CHUB

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Recent taxonomic work concluded that specific rank is warranted for the Virgin River chub, a federally listed endangered species found in the Virgin River system of Arizona, Nevada, and Utah. Additionally, researchers concluded that the chub in the Muddy River of Nevada is conspecific with the Virgin River chub. Previously this distinctive population of the Virgin River chub a category 2 candidate for Federal listing, was considered a separate, unnamed subspecies of roundtail chub, and was referred to as the Moapa roundtail chub. Because of this recent taxonomic work, the Service accepts that specific rank is warranted for the Virgin River chub and proposes to change the listing of the Virgin River chub in the Virgin River from a subspecies to a vertebrate population segment in the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife. In addition, the Service initiates a status review of the Virgin River chub in the Muddy River to determine whether this vertebrate population warrants listing as a threatened or endangered species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/24/95	60 FR 37866
NPRM Comment Period End	09/22/95	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Local

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RIN: 1018-AD22

1453. CRITICAL HABITAT PROPOSAL FOR VIRGIN RIVER FISHES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to designate critical habitat for the Virgin River Chub, the Woundfin, and Virgin spinedace. The Virgin River chub and Woundfin are listed as endangered; the Virgin spinedace has been proposed for listing as threatened (May 18, 1994), but the listing has not been finalized as yet.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/05/95	60 FR 17296
NPRM Comment Period End	06/05/95	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

Additional Information: This rulemaking was inadvertently published as RIN 1018-AD22. The final rule will be published with the correct RIN 1018-AD23. The rulemaking action(s) listed under this RIN has (have) been temporarily suspended due to legislative restriction on publication of final listing and critical habitat determinations.

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RIN: 1018-AD23

1454. EXPORT OF APPENDIX I SPECIMENS THAT WERE BRED FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulations need to be updated to clarify the process of obtaining export permits for appendix I specimens that are bred for commercial purposes, including the procedure for becoming registered with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Secretariat.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

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Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD64

1455. CONSOLIDATION OF LISTS OF WILDLIFE OF FEDERAL CONCERN

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 703; 16 USC 1361; 16 USC 4901; 18 USC 42; 16 USC 3371

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 10

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to consolidate into part 10 lists of plants and wildlife currently contained in various parts of subchapter B (parts 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 23).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/19/96	61 FR 11180
ANPRM Comment	05/03/96	
Period End		

Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD66

1456. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING: REGULATIONS REGARDING PROHIBITION AGAINST ARTIFICIALLY ALTERING/MANIPULATING NATURAL VEGETATION IN MOIST AREAS TO ATTRACT WATERFOWL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 et seq; 16 USC 712; 16 USC 742

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This action notifies the public and invites comments regarding

promulgation of a separate rulemaking that will govern the manner in which or if at all natural vegetation in moist soil areas may be altered or manipulated artificially to attract waterfowl for hunting purposes. Previously, the subject regulations had been part of the ongoing review of 50 CFR 20 but now will be considered separately.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/22/96	61 FR 11805
ANPRM Comment	06/20/96	
Period End		
NPRM	03/25/98	63 FR 14415
NPRM Comment	05/22/98	63 FR 28343
Period Reopened		
NPRM Comment	10/06/98	63 FR 53635
Period Reopened		
NPRM Correction	10/13/98	63 FR 54753
NPRM Comment	10/22/98	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD74

1457. FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM FOR PARTICIPATION FOR DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND INSULAR TERRITORIES AND COMMONWEALTHS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 669i; 16 USC 777i

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 80

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service is proposing to define new standards for the District of Columbia and Insular Territories and Commonwealths for participation in the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration program by waiving the 10 percent cap on use of these funds for education.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1458. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES: REMOVAL OF LLOYD'S HEDGEHOG CACTUS FROM FEDERAL LIST OF ENDANGERED AND THREATENED PLANTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to remove Lloyd's hedgehog cactus from the Federal list of endangered and threatened plants. Lloyd's hedgehog cactus was listed as endangered on October 26, 1979, due to threats of collection and highway projects. Recent evidence indicates that Lloyd's hedgehog cactus is not a distinct species but rather a hybrid. Lloyd's hedgehog cactus is presently known from four counties in west Texas and one county in New Mexico and from Chihuahua, Mexico.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/14/96	61 FR 30209
NPRM Comment	08/13/96	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD91

1459. RESCISSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR GRANTS IN AID (MARINE MAMMAL PROTECTION ACT OF 1972)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 to 1407

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 82

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service is rescinding 50 CFR 82, Administrative Procedures for Grants-in-Aid (Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972). This regulation was determined unnecessary because funding has not been provided for many years and adequate instructions are contained in the Act and in existing regulations to disseminate funds if they become available in the future. This action is part of the regulatory reinvention effort.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AD92

1460. SAFE HARBOR POLICY AND GUIDANCE FOR CANDIDATE AGREEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 13; 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes technical amendments to its general regulations implementing its permitting program. The proposed revisions would explain and clarify applicable general permit conditions to the permitting procedures associated with habitat conservation plans and safe harbor agreements issued under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Service also announces a safe harbor policy under the Act, providing incentives for private and other non-Federal landowners to restore, enhance, or maintain habitat for endangered and threatened species. The Service, in

cooperation with the appropriate State agencies, may enter into safe harbor agreements with non-Federal landowners to enhance the survival of listed species with the concurrence of the landowner, include proposed or candidate species in such agreements. A procedure and guidance for providing assurances to non-Federal landowners involved in candidate conservation also is proposed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/12/97	62 FR 32189
NPRM Comment Period End	08/11/97	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1018-AD95

1461. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED REINTRODUCTION OF A NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF GRIZZLY BEARS IN IDAHO AND MONTANA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish a nonessential experimental population of grizzly bears into the Bitterroot ecosystem in central Idaho and western Montana. This experimental population is proposed to be designated a nonessential experimental population in accordance with section 10(j) of the Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/02/97	62 FR 35762
NPRM Comment Period End	10/09/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	10/28/97	62 FR 55774
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 1018-AE00

1462. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION OF TEN FRESHWATER MUSSELS IN HOLSTON RIVER SYSTEM IN TN AND VA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service plans to reintroduce ten mussels (Appalachian monkeyface pearlymussel, cracking pearlymussel, Cumberland monkeyface pearlymussel, dromedary pearlymussel, fanshell orange-foot, pimpleback pearlymussel, ring pink mussel, rough pigtoe, and tan riffleshell) into historic habitat in the next 2 to 3 years. The mussels to be used in the reintroduction will include artificially propagated juveniles and adults taken from the wild, under certain circumstances. Mussel propagation technology currently is being developed using nonendangered surrogate species. The 4(d) rule will exempt unavoidable and unintentional take, such as fishing, boating, trapping, or wading.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE01

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Long-Term Actions

1463. REVISION TO SUBCHAPTER C—THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 460k**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 25; 50 CFR 26; 50 CFR 27; 50 CFR 28; 50 CFR 29; 50 CFR 30; 50 CFR 31; 50 CFR 32; 50 CFR 34; 50 CFR 35; 50 CFR 36; 50 CFR 37**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Service plans to rewrite subchapter C to include new public recreation policy on National Wildlife Refuges to include opening refuges to all public recreation (hunting, fishing, wildlife observation, photography, boating, hiking, camping, and picnicking) at the time of purchase. This is an administrative action and will not involve compliance cost to the public.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2029**RIN:** 1018-AE02**1464. PROPOSED APPROVAL OF SELECTED STATE PROGRAMS ALLOWING THE EXPORT OF GINSENG HARVESTED IN 1997-1999****Priority:** Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 23**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will announce findings on the export of American ginseng from the 1997-1999 harvest season in 25 states. The Service reviews information and data as a basis for determining whether to continue approval of export from specific States for this harvest season or to initiate

changes. The State of Oregon intends to apply soon to export ginseng. Acceptance of information provided by State ginseng management programs allows the Service to expedite the issuance of permits as required by the CITES treaty.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Susan Lieberman, Chief, Office of Scientific Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 750 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/22/98	63 FR 3298
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/98	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Agency Contact:** Kevin Adams, Chief Division of Law Enforcement, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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Email: kevin_adams@fws.gov**RIN:** 1018-AE08**1466. EXPORT OF AMERICAN ALLIGATOR FOR THE 1998-2000 HARVEST SEASONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 23.57; 50 CFR 17.42(a)**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will make minor changes in the tagging requirements for American alligator skins to conform with the CITES tagging resolution and announces proposed findings on the effects of the export of American alligator under CITES for the 1998-2000 harvest seasons. This rule provides for the export of American alligator parts and products under CITES.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** Rosemarie Gnam, Chief, Branch of Operations, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 700 Arlington Square, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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1467. REVISIONS TO THE FEDERAL AID ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 777i; 16 USC 669i; 18 USC 701**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 80**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to revise part 80 to clarify the language in the administrative requirements section and simplify some of the procedures to enable the States and the public to better understand the procedures and requirements for obtaining and administering grants under the Federal Aid in Fish and Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Acts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Governmental Jurisdictions**Government Levels Affected:** State, Tribal

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RIN: 1018-AE17**1468. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR BLACKBURN'S SPHINX MOTH FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service is proposing to add the Blackburn's sphinx moth to the list of endangered and threatened wildlife. The single remaining population is found on the island of Maui in the Hawaiian Islands. It is the largest (in adult form) native insect with a wing span of 5 inches.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/02/97	62 FR 15640
NPRM Comment	06/02/97	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE20**1469. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED STATUS FOR TEN PLANT TAXA FROM MAUI NUI, HAWAII****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for 10 plant taxa without critical habitat designation. All 10 taxa are endemic to the Maui Nui group of islands in the Hawaiian Islands. This group includes Maui Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe and are found in a wide range of vegetative communities, elevation zones, and moisture regimes. The 10 plant taxa and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by one or more of the following: competition, predation or habitat degradation from alien species natural disasters, and random environmental events.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/15/97	62 FR 26757
NPRM Comment	07/14/97	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE22**1470. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR TWO LARKSPURS FROM COASTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for two plants (Baker's larkspur and yellow larkspur). These species grow in a variety of habitats including coastal prairie, coastal scrub or chaparral in Sonoma and Marin counties in northern California. Habitat loss and degradation sheep grazing, road maintenance activities, and overcollection imperil the continued existence of these plants. Random events increase the risk of extinction to the extremely small plant populations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/19/97	62 FR 33383
NPRM Comment	08/18/97	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE23**1471. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR IONE BUCKWHEAT AND THREATENED STATUS FOR IONE MANZANITA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposed endangered status for ione buckwheat (a perennial herb) and threatened status for ione manzanita (an evergreen shrub of the heath family). These two species

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occur primarily on gravelly clay soils with iron oxide crust within chaparral (derived from the iron formation) in Amador or Calaveras counties in the central Sierra Nevada foothills of California. They are imperiled by one or more of the following factors: mining, clearing of vegetation for agriculture and fire protection, disease, inadequate regulatory mechanisms, habitat fragmentation, residential and commercial development, changes in fire frequency, and continued erosion due to prior off-road vehicle use. Random events increase the risk to the few, small populations of lone buckwheat. Ownership of most occurrences of these two species is private. One population of each occurs on Federal land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Other potential Federal involvement includes the use of Federal highway funds, the permitting of lignite or coal mines through the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, and the relicensing of hydro-electric projects by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/25/97	62 FR 34190
NPRM Comment Period End	08/25/97	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE25

1472. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS FOR NEWCOMB'S SNAIL FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes threatened status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for Newcomb's snail. This freshwater snail is restricted to the

Hawaiian Island of Kauai. The known historic distribution of this snail has greatly decreased and extant populations are presently limited to restricted habitats on five perennial streams on State land. The five known populations of this snail and its habitat are currently threatened by predation by a species of non-native predatory snail and two species of non-native marsh flies. These populations are also subject to an increased likelihood of extirpation from naturally occurring events, including natural disasters such as hurricanes and landslides. All populations of this species occur on State-owned lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/21/97	62 FR 38953
NPRM Comment Period End	09/19/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	11/12/97	62 FR 60676
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE27

1473. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST KLAMATH RIVER POPULATION SEGMENT OF BULL TROUT AS ENDANGERED AND COLUMBIA RIVER POPULATION SEGMENT AS THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Klamath River population segment of bull trout (members of the char subgroup in the salmon family) as endangered from south-central Oregon and the Columbia River population segment of bull trout as threatened from the northwestern United States and British Columbia, Canada, with a special rule pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Klamath River population segment, comprised of

seven bull trout populations from south-central Oregon, is threatened by habitat degradation, passage restrictions at dams, and competition from non-native lake and brook trout. The special rule allows for take of bull trout within the Columbia River population segment if in accordance with applicable State fish and wildlife conservation laws and regulations. Pursuant to a court order, this rule is based on the 1994 administrative record. All available information, including current data, will be considered prior to promulgation of a final rule.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/13/97	62 FR 32268
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	08/05/97	62 FR 42092
NPRM Comment Period End	08/12/97	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE29

1474. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR THE PLANT KECK'S SIDALCEA FROM TULARE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list *Sidalcea keckii* (Keck's sidalcea) as endangered pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. This annual herb (belonging to the mallow family) is threatened by urban development, agricultural land conversion, and random events. The species (found on sparsely vegetated slopes of serpentine-derived clay in annual grasslands) is known only from one population in the south-central Tulare County on private land and is not in an approved habitat conservation plan. The likelihood of any Federal involvement is small, however, the Bureau of Reclamation's

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renewal of the Central Valley Project Friant water contracts may affect the species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/28/97	62 FR 40325
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	09/24/97	62 FR 49954
NPRM Comment Period End	09/26/97	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	01/22/98	63 FR 3301
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	08/29/98	63 FR 44417
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected: None**

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RIN: 1018-AE30

1475. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR PLANT IN WENATCHEE MOUNTAINS OF WASHINGTON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered species status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for the Wenatchee Mountains checker-mallow (*Sidalcea oregana* var *calva*). This plant is endemic to meadows that have surface water on saturated soil in the spring and early summer at middle elevations in the Wenatchee Mountains of Chelan county, Washington. Although five populations of this plant are known, three of these have very few individuals. The estimated total number of plants is about 3,300. The primary threats to this plant include alterations of hydrology, rural residential development and associated activities, competition from native and alien plants, recreation fire suppression and activities associated with fire suppression. To a lesser extent, the taxon is threatened by livestock grazing road construction and timber harvesting and associated impacts including changes in surface-runoff in the small watersheds in which the plant occurs.

This proposal, if made final, would implement the Federal protection and recovery programs of the Act for this plant.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/01/97	62 FR 41328
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/97	
Final Action	09/03/98	
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected: None**

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RIN: 1018-AE32

1476. EXPORTATION OF MARINE MAMMAL PRODUCTS FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This regulatory action concerns a modification to export marine mammal products and to Native exemption provisions in the Marine Mammal Protection Act. The action will be made to allow for cultural exchange of marine mammal products between Natives of Alaska, Greenland, Russia and Canada.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected: Tribal**

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RIN: 1018-AE33

1477. INJURIOUS WILDLIFE; ADDITION OF BRUSH-TAILED POSSUM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 42

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 16

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to review the economic and biological information on the brush-tailed possum of genus *Trichosurus* for possible addition to the list of injurious wildlife under the Lacey Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	01/24/96	61 FR 1893
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/25/96	
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected: Undetermined**

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RIN: 1018-AE34

1478. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR TWO CAVE ANIMALS FROM HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973 for two animals, the Kauai Cave Wolf Spider and the Kauai Cave Amphipod. These two species are found on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai. The Kauai Cave Wolf Spider is known from two populations and the Kauai Cave Amphipod is known from four populations. These animals and their habitats have been variously affected or are currently threatened by the following: habitat degradation/loss from development; competition for space water, and nutrients by naturalized introduced animals; biological/chemical pesticide use; and an increased likelihood of

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extinction from proposed development activities and naturally occurring events. This proposal, if made final, would extend Federal protection and recovery provisions of the Act for these animal taxa. Additionally, Hawaii State regulations protecting these animals would be triggered. All populations of these species occur on privately owned lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/05/97	62 FR 64340
NPRM Comment Period End	02/03/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE39

1479. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR TWO SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY MAMMALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Riparian Brush Rabbit and Woodrat pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The Brush Rabbit and Woodrat inhabit riparian communities along the lower portions of the San Joaquin and Stanislaus Rivers (within Caswell State Park) in the Northern San Joaquin Valley, California. Only a single remaining population of each species has been confirmed. Potential threats to these species include flooding, wildlife predation, and other factors.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/21/97	62 FR 62276
NPRM Comment Period End	01/20/98	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	04/13/98	63 FR 17981
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE40

1480. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED DETERMINATION OF THREATENED STATUS FOR KOALA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will propose threatened status for the Australian koala. The eucalyptus forest and woodland ecosystem on which this arboreal marsupial depends has been reduced by more than half and is continuing to deteriorate. The species also is threatened by habitat fragmentation and consequent potential loss of genetic viability, disease, and other factors. Any final rule resulting from this proposal could classify the koala or certain populations thereof as endangered or could exempt certain populations from any classification.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/22/98	63 FR 50547
NPRM Comment Period End	12/21/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE43

1481. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR PLANT ROUGH POPCORNFLOWER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the plant rough popcornflower as an endangered species under the authority contained in the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This species is restricted to wet swales and meadows in Douglas County, Oregon where only 10 occurrences are known. Most populations are small with few individuals. The total estimated number of plants is 3,000 within a combined area of about 10 acres (most on private land). Threats to this species include destruction and/or alteration of habitat by development and hydrological changes (e.g., wetland fills, draining, construction); spring and summer grazing by domestic cattle, horses, and sheep; roadside maintenance; and competition from native and alien plant species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/20/97	62 FR 61953
NPRM Comment Period End	01/20/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE44

1482. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED REVISION OF SPECIAL REGULATIONS FOR GRAY WOLF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: On November 22, 1994, the Service published special rules to establish nonessential experimental populations of gray wolves in Yellowstone National Park and central Idaho. The nonessential experimental population areas include all of Wyoming, most of Idaho, and much of central and southern Montana. This proposed revision is to amend a section of the special regulations so that it clearly applies within the Yellowstone

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nonessential experimental population area and the central Idaho nonessential experimental population area as described in 7(ii). Ongoing litigation requires the clarification of the Service's need and authority to remove these animals from the area through live capture or lethal means in the interest of attaining gray wolf recovery goals. This proposed change will not affect any of the assumptions and earlier analysis made in the environmental impact statement or other portions of the special rules.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/11/97	62 FR 65237
NPRM Comment Period End	01/12/98	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE45

1483. UPDATE OF ADDRESSES FOR ENDANGERED SPECIES PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service amends the regulations for endangered and threatened wildlife and plants to update the addresses for submission of endangered species permit applications.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE49

1484. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR OAHU ELEPAIO FROM THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for the Oahu elepaio. This bird is endemic to the Island of Oahu, HI, where it was formerly found in all forested areas on the island. It is currently found in greatly reduced numbers and range in six isolated populations occurring in mid-elevation forests in the southern Koolau mountain range and parts of the Waianae mountain range. The Oahu elepaio is now thought to occupy less than 8 percent of its original, prehistoric range. It may have been affected in the past or continue to be threatened by one or more of the following: habitat degradation, including habitat fragmentation; population fragmentation; predation by introduced alien mammals; competition from introduced alien birds, and introduced avian disease. The Oahu elepaio is also subject to an increased likelihood of extinction from naturally occurring events including natural disasters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE51

1485. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED THREATENED STATUS FOR PLANT HOWELL'S SPECTACULAR THELYPODY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Howell's spectacular thelypody as threatened pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. This plant is known from 11 sites in Baker and Union Counties, OR, all on privately-owned land. This taxon is threatened by a variety of factors including habitat destruction and fragmentation from agricultural and urban development grazing by domestic livestock, competition from non-native vegetation, and alterations of wetland hydrology.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/13/98	63 FR 1948
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	03/05/98	63 FR 10817
NPRM Comment Period End	03/16/98	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE52

1486. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED STATUS FOR WILLAMETTE DAISY, FENDER'S BLUE BUTTERFLY AND THREATENED STATUS FOR KINCAID'S LUPINE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for Willamette daisy and Fender's blue butterfly and threatened status for Kincaid's lupine. These species are restricted to native prairie in the Willamette Valley in Oregon and currently are known from a few small remnants of a formerly widespread distribution. In addition to its Oregon occurrences, Kincaid's lupine also is known from one small site in southern Washington. The three taxa are threatened by one or more of the following: commercial and/or

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residential development, agriculture, silviculture, road improvement, over-collection, herbicide use, and naturally occurring demographic and random environmental events.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/27/98	63 FR 3863
NPRM Comment Period End	03/30/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE53

1487. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST PLANT ZAPATA BLADDERPOD AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the plant Zapata bladderpod as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. It is known from four locations in Zapata and Starr Counties, Texas (private land, highway right-of-way, and NWR land). This species is threatened by increased urban development highway construction, increased oil and gas activities alteration and conversion of native plant communities to improved pastures, overgrazing, and potential vulnerability from lowered genetic diversity due to presently low population numbers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/22/98	63 FR 3301
NPRM Comment Period End	03/23/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,

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RIN: 1018-AE54

1488. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ENDANGERED STATUS FOR THE PLANT PRAIRIE PENNY CRESS FROM COASTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes endangered status pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, for one plant, Kneeland prairie pennycress. This plant is known from Kneeland prairie in Humboldt County, CA, where it grows in coastal prairie on serpentine outcrops. Habitat loss, potential road realignment and proposed airport expansion activities imperil the continued existence of this plant. The restricted range of this species limited to a single population, increases the risk of extinction from naturally occurring events such as fire.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/12/98	63 FR 7112
NPRM Comment Period End	04/13/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE55

1489. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; DETERMINATION OF THE PECOS PUPFISH TO BE ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Pecos pupfish as an endangered

species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The historical range of the Pecos pupfish included the mainstream Pecos River from the vicinity of Roswell Chaves County, New Mexico, downstream to the vicinity of Sheffield, Pecos County, Texas, and included various lakes gypsum sinkholes, saline springs, and tributaries associated with the river. The primary reason for the rapid range reduction is hybridization with and/or replacement by the Sheepshead minnow, a nonnative species introduced into the Pecos River between 1980 and 1984.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/30/98	63 FR 4608
NPRM Comment Period End	03/31/98	
NPRM Comment Period Extended to	11/20/98	63 FR 14892
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE56

1490. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST DESERT MILK VETCH AS THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list desert milk vetch, a low-growing herbaceous plant in the bean family with white flowers and compound leaves, as threatened. This species is restricted to a sandstone outcropping near the town of Birdseye, Utah County, UT. It is threatened by cattle grazing and trampling, residential development and low numbers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/28/98	63 FR 4207
NPRM Comment Period End	03/30/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AE57**1491. PUBLIC USE REGULATIONS
FOR KODIAK NATIONAL WILDLIFE
REFUGE ALASKA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 460(k) et seq; 16 USC 668dd et seq; 16 USC 3101 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 36**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service will propose regulations to implement portions of the Public Use Management Plan (PUMP) for the Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge. Proposed regulations will include access restrictions and specific requirements and limitations related to commercial and administrative structures, camping, snow machines pack animals, tent platforms, food containers, and fish cleaning. The PUMP was prepared with an environmental assessment and was reviewed in an appropriate public involvement process. The final document was released in November 1993. By implementing the PUMP compatible public uses will be allowed while protecting the refuge resources.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Bob Stevens, Refuges and Wildlife, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, 1011 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503
Phone: 907 786-3499**RIN:** 1018-AE60**1492. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING;
NONTOXIC SHOT; APPROVAL OF TIN
SHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR
WATERFOWL AND COOT SHOOTING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 742(a) to 742(j)**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20.21**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend section 20.21(j) and approve tin shot as nontoxic for waterfowl and coot hunting. A toxicological report that includes an extensive literature review and an analysis of tin suggests that these compounds are nontoxic under assumed use and in the environment. The toxicity study reveals no adverse effects over a 30-day period on mallard ducks (*Anas platyrhynchos*) dosed with 8 bb-size tin shot pellets.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/04/98	63 FR 67037
Final Action	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1714**RIN:** 1018-AE61**1493. EAGLE PERMITS; PERMITS FOR
FALCONRY PURPOSES; PERMITS TO
TAKE GOLDEN EAGLE NESTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 668a**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 22.24; 50 CFR 22.25**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the eagle permit regulations providing for the taking, possession, and transportation of bald and golden eagles. The Service is revising the requirements for falconry purposes. The Service is adding additional requirements to allow a limited amount of take (relocation or destruction) of inactive bald eagle nests in Alaska.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1714**RIN:** 1018-AE62**1494. MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS;
SPECIFIC PERMIT PROVISIONS;
IMPORT AND EXPORT PERMITS;
BANDING OR MARKING PERMITS;
AND SCIENTIFIC COLLECTING
PERMITS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 712(2)**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 21**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the Migratory Bird Permit Regulations providing permits for the taking, possession transportation, sale, purchase, importation, exportation, and banding or marking of migratory birds. The Service is revising the requirements for scientific collecting, banding or marking permits and import and export permits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a

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paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE63

1495. MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; INTRODUCTION, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND EXCEPTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712(2)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the migratory bird permit regulations providing permits for the taking, possession transportation, sale, purchase, and barter of migratory birds. The Service is revising these permit calculations to update simplify language, clarify and ensure consistency in text between all parts and sections.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

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Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AE64

1496. 1998-99 REFUGE-SPECIFIC HUNTING AND FISHING REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 16 USC 460k; 16 USC 664; 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 715i

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 32

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Refuge hunting and fishing programs are reviewed annually to determine whether additional refuges should be added or whether individual refuge regulations governing existing programs should be modified, deleted, or have additions made to them. Changing environmental conditions, State and Federal regulations, and other factors affecting wildlife populations and habitat may warrant modifications ensuring continued compatibility of hunting and fishing with the purposes for which the individual refuges and the National Wildlife Refuge System were established.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/27/98	63 FR 40080
NPRM Comment Period End	08/26/98	
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE68

1497. IMPORTATION, EXPORTATION AND TRANSPORTATION OF WILDLIFE CONCERNING INTERNATIONAL MAIL, PET BIRDS, BORDER PORTS, SHELLFISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS EXEMPTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 14

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes this regulatory action that will make changes to part 14, Importation, Exportation and Transportation of Wildlife concerning international mail, pet birds, border ports and shellfish and fishery products exemption. Changes will involve requiring a declaration of commercial mail wildlife shipments, requiring Wild Bird Conservation Act permitted shipments to go through a designated port, clarifying use of border ports, and

clarifying current exemptions for shellfish and fishery products.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

Procurement: This is a procurement-related action for which there is a statutory requirement. There is a paperwork burden associated with this action.

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RIN: 1018-AE70

1498. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1994 AMENDMENTS TO THE MARINE MAMMALS PROTECTION ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361 to 1374

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Section 104 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act authorizes the Director of the Service, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, to issue permits for activities otherwise prohibited by the Act. Per the 1994 amendments to the Act, regulations will be developed for issuance of general authorizations and permits.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Margaret Tieger, Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2104

RIN: 1018-AE72

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1499. RECLASSIFICATION OF THE NAMIBIAN POPULATION OF CHEETAH FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1361; 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 4201; PL 99-625

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to reclassify the cheetah in Namibia from endangered to threatened based on a review of the population status and management, including protected status, of the species within that country. Namibia has one of the largest populations of the cheetahs within the species' extensive range (much of Africa and Iran).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman, Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2095

RIN: 1018-AE73

1500. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED GENTNER'S FRITILARIA (MISSION BELLS)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Gentner's fritillaria (missionbells). This species is known from Josephine and Jackson Counties, Oregon. Threats include housing development, succession, logging and collection.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/98	63 FR 13819
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE75

1501. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST CAMATTA CANYON AMOLE AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Camatta Canyon amole (*Chlorogalum purpureum* var. *reductum*) as endangered or threatened. This species is known from San Luis Obispo County, CA. Threats include CRV activity, cattle grazing, and predation by rodents.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/30/98	63 FR 15158
NPRM Comment	05/29/98	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE76

1502. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED LA GRACIOSA THISTLE, LOMPOC YERBA SANTA, GAVIOTA TARPLANT, NIPOMA MESA LUPINE & SANTA CRUZ TARPLANT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Nipoma Mesa lupine (*Lupinus nipomensis*).

This species is known from San Luis Obispo, CA. Threats include habitat modification, hazardous waste clean-up and off-road vehicle impacts.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/30/98	63 FR 15142
NPRM	03/30/98	63 FR 15164
NPRM Comment	05/29/98	
Period End		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE81

1503. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED MARIANA FRUIT BAT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened the Mariana fruit bat (*Pteropus mariannus mariannus*). This species is known from the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Saipan, Tinian, and Agiguan Islands. Threats include deforestation, overhunting, poaching, and snake predation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/26/98	63 FR 14641
NPRM Comment	05/29/98	63 FR 29367
Period Reopened		
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

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1504. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED SPECIES; PROPOSAL TO LIST NORTHERN IDAHO GROUND SQUIRREL AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened the Northern Idaho ground squirrel (*Spermophilus brunneus brunneus*). This species is known from Adams County, ID. Threats include agricultural land conversion, meadow invasion of conifers grazing by domestic livestock, off-road and on-road vehicle use campground expansion and recreational shooting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/23/98	63 FR 13825
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AE84**1505. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED COWHEAD LAKE TUI CHUB****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Cowhead Lake tui chub (*Gila bicolor vaccaceps*). This species is known from Modoc County, CA. Threats include diversion of water reduction of riparian vegetation, and predation from snakes and birds and pesticides.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/30/98	63 FR 15152
NPRM Comment Period End	05/29/98	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/17/98	63 FR 33033
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE85**1506. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS, PROPOSAL TO LIST DEVIL'S RIVER MINNOW AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened Devil's River minnow (*Dionda diaboli*). This species is known from Val Verde County, TX. Threats include habitat loss from inundation at Amistad Reservoir and reduced instream flow caused by diversions or drought.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/27/98	63 FR 14885
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	05/14/98	63 FR 26764
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE86**1507. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST COLORADO BUTTERFLY PLANT AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list as endangered or threatened the Colorado butterfly plant (*Gaura neoexicana* ssp. *coloradensis*). This species is known from Laramie County, WY, and northern Weld County, CO. Threats include herbicide application for noxious weeds and natural succession/competition from shrubs, forbs and introduced weeds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/24/98	63 FR 14060
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE87**1508. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED PUZZLE SUNFLOWER****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list Puzzle sunflower (*Helianthus paradoxus*) as endangered or threatened. This species is known from TX and NM. Threats include falling water tables and depleted springs.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/98	63 FR 15808
NPRM Comment Period End	06/01/98	
NPRM Comment Period Reopened	06/15/98	63 FR 32635
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE88

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1509. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT OF NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION STATUS FOR 16 FRESHWATER MUSSELS AND 1 FRESHWATER SNAIL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish nonessential experimental population (NEP) status for 16 freshwater mussels and 1 freshwater snail in the free-flowing reach of the Tennessee River below Wilson Dam, Colbert and Lauderdale Counties, Alabama. None of these species are currently known to exist in this river reach or its tributaries. Thus, to ensure that any reintroduced species that may move into the tributaries are covered by these NEP designations, we also propose that the geographic boundaries of the NEPs include the lower 5 miles (8km) of all tributaries that enter the Wilson Dam tailwater.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE92

1510. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LISTING OF SEVERAL EVOLUTIONARY SIGNIFICANT UNITS OF WEST COAST STEELHEAD

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service is adding several evolutionary significant units (ESU) of west coast steelhead to the list of endangered and threatened wildlife in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. The

southern California and Upper Columbia River Basin ESU are added as endangered, and the central California coast, south-central California coast Snake River Basin, lower Columbia River, and Central Valley California ESUs are added as threatened. This amendment is based on determinations by the National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, which has jurisdiction over this species.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/17/97	
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE97

1511. REFUGE COMPATIBILITY REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION ACT OF 1997

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 16 USC 460k; 16 USC 668dd; 16 USC 742a; 16 USC 3101; 44 USC 3501

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 25; 50 CFR 26; 50 CFR 27; 50 CFR 29; 50 CFR 32; 50 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to revise compatibility regulations improving management of the National Wildlife Refuge System in accordance with requirements in the National Wildlife System Improvement Act of 1997 that amends the National Wildlife System Administration Act of 1966. Its purpose is to provide guidance for determining compatibility of proposed and existing uses on units of the system and procedures for documentation and periodic review of such uses. It also ensures that proposed and existing refuge uses are administered according to laws, regulations, and policies concerning compatibility.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman, Chief, Division of Refuges, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE98

1512. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST COASTAL-PUGET SOUND JARBIDGE RIVER AND ST. MARY'S-BELLY RIVER POPULATION SEGMENTS OF BULL TROUT AS THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to list the Coastal-Puget Sound population segment of Bull Trout from the coastal drainages and Puget Sound in western Washington; the Jarbidge River population segment of Bull Trout from the Jarbidge River Basin in Southern Idaho and Northern Nevada; and the St. Mary-Belly River population segment of Bull Trout in St. Mary and Belly Rivers in Northwestern Montana as threatened with a special rule, pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973. The fish is threatened by one or more of the following: habitat degradation from past and ongoing land management activities such as mining, road construction and maintenance, and grazing. The special rule allows for take of Bull Trout within three population segments if in accordance with applicable State and Native American tribal fish and wildlife conservation laws and regulations, and conservation plans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,

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RIN: 1018-AF01

1513. UPDATE OF ADDRESSES AND OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET INFORMATION COLLECTION NUMBERS FOR FWS PERMIT APPLICATIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 668(a) to 668(d); 16 USC 742a; 16 USC 742(j) to 742(l); 16 USC 1361 to 1384; 16 USC 1401 to 1407; 16 USC 1531 to 1543; 16 USC 3371 to 3378; 18 USC 42; 19 USC 1202

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 10; 50 CFR 13; 50 CFR 14; 50 CFR 15; 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service amends the regulations for wildlife and plant permits to update the addresses for submission of permit applications. Recently revised Office of Management and Budget Information Collection Numbers also are provided.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF07

1514. CONSIDERATION OF LISTING THE GREEN IGUANA (IGUANA IGUANA) AS INJURIOUS, PURSUANT TO THE LACEY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 18 USC 42

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 16

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Humane Society of the United States requested that the Service list the green iguana as injurious under the Lacey Act. Iguanas are released into the wild by their owners for various reasons. These iguanas may be carriers of Salmonella bacteria and could negatively impact native populations. A

notice requesting information will be published so that data can be gathered as to the injurious nature of the iguanas. This information will be analyzed to determine whether listing is warranted.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Hannibal Bolton, Chief, Fish and Wildlife Management Assistance, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1718

RIN: 1018-AF08

1515. LISTING OF U.S. SPECIES IN APPENDIX III TO CITES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 4201; PL 99-625

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Listing of native U.S. species in appendix III to CITES for more effective monitoring of trade, to ensure that traded specimens are legally acquired in their State(s) of origin, and to obtain the cooperation of other countries that are parties to CITES, in controlling the trade in such specimens.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman, Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2095

RIN: 1018-AF09

1516. RECLASSIFICATION OF MORELET'S CROCODILE (CROCODYLUS MORELETI) FROM ENDANGERED TO THREATENED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq; 16 USC 4201; PL 99-625

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: Reclassify Morelet's crocodile from endangered to threatened with a special rule to allow for the importation of specimens from captive-breeding operations that have been registered with the CITES Secretariat. Only one such facility in Mexico has been registered. Reclassification will be based on a review of the population status and management, including protected status of the species in range countries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman, Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF10

1517. ANNOUNCEMENT OF DRAFT POLICY FOR EVALUATION OF CONSERVATION EFFORTS IN MAKING LISTING DECISIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service announce a draft policy for the evaluation of conservation efforts in making listing decisions under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). The policy identifies criteria to be used in determining whether conservation agreements, conservation plans, management plans, or other formalized conservation efforts remove the need to list a species as threatened or endangered under the Act.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF11**1518. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST THE ALABAMA STURGEON AS ENDANGERED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Alabama sturgeon occurs in Alabama. The primary threat to the continued survival of the Alabama sturgeon is its limited numbers, and its apparent inability to increase its population size and range.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF12**1519. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST THE SCALESHELLED MUSSEL AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The scaleshelled mussel is known to occur in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Threats include a general deterioration of water quality.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
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RIN: 1018-AF14**1520. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST SCLEROCACTUS BREVISPINUS (PARIETTE CACTUS) AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This species was recently described as a new species in 1994. It was previously included in *Sclerocactus glaucus* (Vinta Basin Hookless Cactus), a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. This proposal is to address this change in taxonomy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF15**1521. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST FOURTEEN HAWAIIAN POMACE FLIES AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:**

Final, Judicial, December 31, 1998.

Abstract: These fourteen species of insects are native to Hawaii and have experienced dramatic declines in abundance. Some of the primary threats facing these species are ongoing and threatened destruction and adverse modification of habitat by feral animals and alien plants.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF16**1522. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST SIX HAWAIIAN DAMSELFLIES AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:**

Final, Judicial, December 31, 1998.

Abstract: These Hawaiian damselflies are all confined to the Hawaiian Islands. Historically, damselflies were among the most common and conspicuous native Hawaiian insects. Threats include the severe alteration of freshwater habitats because of past and present land and water management practices, including agriculture, urban development of groundwater, perched aquifer and surface water resources, and the introduction of alien animals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF17

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1523. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST THE WET CANYON TALUSSNAIL AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:**

Final, Judicial, December 31, 1998.

Abstract: This species is known from a single population in Arizona. The exceptionally small range of this snail makes it vulnerable to minimal human activity as well as any natural catastrophic event.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AF19**1524. PROPOSED RECLASSIFICATION AND DELISTING OF THE GRAY WOLF IN CERTAIN PARTS OF ITS RANGE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The Service is currently undertaking a status review and preparing a proposed rule to reclassify certain populations of the gray wolf from endangered to threatened status under the Endangered Species Act, based on the recent recovery achievements, and to delist the wolf in other parts of its range where recovery has been accomplished.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species,Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AF20**1525. PROPOSED DELISTING OF THE BALD EAGLE THROUGHOUT THE LOWER 48 STATES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The bald eagle was reclassified to threatened status throughout the lower 48 States in 1995. Continued recovery gains and increasing population trends now make it possible to propose the removal of the eagle from the endangered species list. A comprehensive status review of eagle population data and existing protections is currently underway.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AF21**1526. PROPOSED DELISTING OF THE GRIZZLY BEAR IN THE YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The grizzly bear is classified as a threatened species in the lower 48 States. Six distinct recovery zones have been established in the States of Wyoming, Montana, Idaho and Washington. The Yellowstone Ecosystem (Yellowstone Recovery Zone) supports a growing population of grizzly bears and recovery planning efforts there are expected to result in a secure management scheme by early 1999 that will allow the Service to

proceed with a proposal to delist the Yellowstone grizzly population. Other grizzly population will retain threatened status under the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AF22**1527. EXPORT OF RIVER OTTERS TAKEN IN MISSOURI IN 1998-1999 AND SUBSEQUENT SEASONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 23**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The purpose of this rule is to announce proposed findings by CITES Scientific and Management Authorities of the United States on the export of river otters taken in the State of Missouri, and to propose to add Missouri to the list of States and Indian Nations for which the export of river otter skins is approved. This approval is on a multi-year basis. The Service proposes to apply these findings to river otters taken in Missouri during the 1998-1999 season, and subsequent seasons, subject to the conditions applying to other approved States.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dr. Susan Lieberman, Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2095**RIN:** 1018-AF23

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1528. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; PROPOSED 1999-2000 MIGRATORY GAME BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS (PRELIMINARY) WITH REQUESTS FOR INDIAN PROPOSALS

Priority: Economically Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 703 to 712; 16 USC 742(a) to 742(j)

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to establish annual hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds. The Service also requests proposals from Indian tribes that wish to establish special migratory bird hunting regulations. The establishment of these regulations will permit the taking of the designated species during the 1999-2000 hunting season. The Service annually prescribes outside limits within which States may select hunting seasons. The Service has also employed guidelines to establish special migratory bird hunting regulations on Federal Indian reservations and ceded lands. These seasons provide hunting opportunities for recreation and subsistence; aid Federal, State, and tribal governments in the management of migratory game birds; and are designed to permit harvests at levels compatible with migratory bird population status and habitat conditions.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AF24

1529. TAKING OF MARINE MAMMALS BY LEVEL B HARASSMENT; ISSUANCE OF GENERAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND PERMITS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, EDUCATIONAL, AND COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 103-238; 16 USC 1361 to 1407

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to issue regulations which would allow us to authorize harassment but not injury or death of polar bear Northern sea otter, and walrus for scientific research photography, and for educational or commercial purposes. This rule would further implement the 1994 Amendments to the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Margaret Tieger, Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2104

RIN: 1018-AF26

1530. MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; SPECIFIC PERMIT PROVISIONS; SPECIAL PURPOSE PERMITS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 712(2); PL 95-616

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 27; 50 CFR 31; 50 CFR 32; 50 CFR 33; 50 CFR 34

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Service proposes to amend the migratory bird permit regulations providing permits for the taking, possession transportation, sale, purchase, and barter of migratory birds. The Service is revising and updating the requirements for special purpose permits. Due to the large number of permits issued under "Special purpose," the Service proposes to create four new sections for specific types of the most frequently issued

special purpose permit: Rehabilitation, Possession, Salvage, and Migratory Game Birds.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Paul R. Schmidt, Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-1714

RIN: 1018-AF28

1531. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; CRITICAL HABITAT FOR THE COASTAL CALIFORNIA GNATCATCHER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 95

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to designate critical habitat for the coastal California gnatcatcher under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF32

1532. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; NINE BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS, INVERTEBRATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: We will determine whether to list nine invertebrate species in Bexar County, Texas, under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF33

1533. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED SPECIAL RULE FOR THE ARKANSAS RIVER SHINER

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.44

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will propose a special rule for the threatened Arkansas River Basin population of the Arkansas River shiner under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF39

1534. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL RULE FOR THE CANADA LYNX

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.40

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will propose a special rule for the Canada lynx under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF40

1535. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; SPECIAL RULE FOR THE CHIRICAHUA LEOPARD FROG

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to list the Chiricahua leopard frog (AZ & NM) under the Endangered Species Act, with a special rule.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF41

1536. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ALEUTIAN CANADA GOOSE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17.11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will determine whether to list the Aleutian Canada goose under the Endangered Species Act.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service

Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF42

1537. • IMPORTATION OF CAPTIVE-BRED EXOTIC BIRDS INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM BREEDING FACILITIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 4901 to 4916

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 15.41; 50 CFR 15.42

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: We will establish the information requirements and approval criteria for the import of captive-bred wild exotic birds from overseas breeding facilities. This rule applies primarily to species listed in the appendices to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), which are otherwise prohibited from import by the Wild Bird Conservation Act of 1992. The rule also describes the process for handling petitions to approve qualifying facilities, establishes the duration of approval, provides for the suspension and revocation of approval, and provides for notice of approved facilities in the Federal Register.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	03/01/99	
NPRM	03/31/99	
Next Action Undetermined		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AF44

1538. • AMENDMENT BY MEXICO TO APPENDIX III LISTING OF BIGLEAF MAHOGANY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1531 et seq

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CFR Citation: 50 CFR 23**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: We will announce an amendment to the Appendix III listing of bigleaf mahogany under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) by the Government of Mexico for its population of this species. This species has been included in Appendix III since November 1995, when the Government of Costa Rica initially listed its populations. The Governments of Bolivia and Brazil added their populations in 1998. We will consider comments on whether to enter a reservation on Mexico's action for its population.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman, Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2095
RIN: 1018-AF47

1539. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; ASIAN BONYTONGUE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: We will determine whether to reclassify the Asian bonytongue, a freshwater fish popular in the aquarium trade, from endangered to threatened with a special rule to allow the importation of specimens from

operations that are registered with the CITES Secretariat. Several facilities have been registered in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Singapore. Our decision on whether to reclassify the species, only some of the populations, or to take no action at all, will be based upon a review of the population status and management, including the protected status of the species in the range countries.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF48**1540. • ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; TIBETAN ANTELOPE****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: We will propose endangered status for the Tibetan antelope, of chira (*Pantholops hodgsoni*). The antelope is a wild ungulate native to Tibet, Kashmir, and north-central China. It is threatened by illegal trade in its wool, known as shah toosh, which is exceptionally fine. The wool and shawls made from it are in great demand on the black market, resulting in the slaughter of thousands of these animals annually. The species has experienced dramatic declines in recent years despite efforts by range countries

to control poaching, as well as a prohibition on international commercial trade through listing in Appendix I of CITES.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman, Chief, Branch of Operations, Office of Management Authority, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2095

RIN: 1018-AF49**1541. • PROPOSED GUIDANCE FOR CONDUCTING CONSULTATIONS FOR THE INDIANA BAT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1531 et seq**CFR Citation:** CFR 00**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: We will propose guidance to assist our field offices in addressing whether: 1) the Indiana bat is present, 2) a proposed project is likely to affect the species directly, and 3) the project is likely to affect the species' habitat.

Timetable: Next Action Undetermined**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis****Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith, Chief, Division of Endangered Species, Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AF50

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1542. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: SAN XAVIER TALUSSNAIL**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	10/06/98	63 FR 53620

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AC13**1543. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS: PARISH'S ALKALI GRASS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/25/98	63 FR 51329

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**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AC21**1544. ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED SPECIES:
SACRAMENTO SPLITTAIL****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/08/99	64 FR 5963

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AC26**1545. ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED WILDLIFE AND
PLANTS: ARKANSAS RIVER SHINER****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/23/98	63 FR 64771

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AC62**1546. ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED WILDLIFE AND
PLANTS: TEN PLANTS FROM THE
CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA
MOUNTAINS FOOTHILLS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/14/98	63 FR 49065

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith

Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AC99**1547. SEVEN PLANTS FROM THE
MOUNTAINS OF SOUTHERN
CALIFORNIA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	09/14/98	63 FR 49063

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD34**1548. ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED WILDLIFE AND
PLANTS: FOUR SOUTHWESTERN
CALIFORNIA PLANTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/13/98	63 FR 54937

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD38**1549. ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED WILDLIFE AND
PLANTS: FOUR PLANTS FROM
INTERIOR CHAPARRAL OF
SOUTHWESTERN CALIFORNIA AND
NORTHWESTERN BAJA CALIFORNIA,
MEXICO****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	10/13/98	63 FR 54972

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD60**1550. SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT
REGULATIONS FOR PUBLIC LANDS
IN ALASKA****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 242; 50 CFR 100**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/08/99	64 FR 1275

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Tom Boyd
Phone: 907 786-3447**RIN:** 1018-AD68**1551. ENDANGERED AND
THREATENED WILDLIFE AND
PLANTS; PROPOSED
ESTABLISHMENT OF A
NONESSENTIAL EXPERIMENTAL
POPULATION OF BLACK-FOOTED
FERRETS IN NORTHWESTERN
COLORADO AND NORTHEASTERN UT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/01/98	63 FR 52824

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State,
Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AD99**1552. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITES
ACTION CONCERNING CHANGES TO
APPENDICES TO LISTED SPECIES;
SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT
CONCERNING RESERVATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 23**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/12/98	63 FR 63210

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses,
Governmental Jurisdictions,
Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State,
Federal

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Agency Contact: Dr. Susan Lieberman
Phone: 703 358-2095
RIN: 1018-AE16

1553. REGULATIONS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND VISITOR FACILITY SITES ON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 36

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/24/99	64 FR 14149

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: Rick Coleman
Phone: 703 358-2029

RIN: 1018-AE21

1554. IMPORTATION OF POLAR BEAR TROPHIES FROM CANADA; ADDITION OF POPULATIONS TO THE LIST OF AREAS APPROVED FOR IMPORT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 18

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/11/99	64 FR 1529

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1555. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED RULE TO LIST THE ILLINOIS CAVE AMPHIPOD AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/03/98	63 FR 46900

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE31

1556. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; EXTENSION OF TEMPORARY APPROVAL OF TUNGSTEN-IRON SHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR THE 1998-99 SEASON

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 20

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/07/98	63 FR 54016

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE35

1557. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST 3 AQUATIC SNAILS AS ENDANGERED; 3 AQUATIC SNAILS AS THREATENED IN MOBILE RIVER BASIN, ALABAMA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/28/98	63 FR 57610

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith
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RIN: 1018-AE36

1558. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; THREATENED STATUS FOR VIRGINIA SNEEZEWEED, A PLANT FROM THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY OF VIRGINIA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	11/03/98	63 FR 59239

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith
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RIN: 1018-AE37

1559. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST ST. ANDREW BEACH MOUSE AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/18/98	63 FR 70053

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith
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RIN: 1018-AE41

1560. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; LIST TOPEKA SHINER AS ENDANGERED

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/15/98	63 FR 69008

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171

RIN: 1018-AE42

1561. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSED ENDANGERED STATUS FOR CATESBAEA MELANOCARPA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 50 CFR 17

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/17/99	64 FR 13116

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1018-AE48

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1562. SEASONAL CLOSURE OF THE MOOSE RANGE MEADOWS PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENTS IN THE KENAI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 36**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/24/99	64 FR 14151

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Richard Pospahala
Phone: 907 786-3467**RIN:** 1018-AE58**1563. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; NONTOXIC SHOT; APPROVAL OF MOLYSHOT AS NONTOXIC FOR WATERFOWL AND COOT HUNTING****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/08/98	63 FR 67619

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** Paul R. Schmidt
Phone: 703 358-1714**RIN:** 1018-AE67**1564. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; REDUCTION OF THE MID-CONTINENT LESSER SNOW GOOSE POPULATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	11/09/98	63 FR 60278

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Tribal, Federal**Agency Contact:** Paul R. Schmidt

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RIN: 1018-AE74**1565. MIGRATORY BIRD HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAMS; PARTICIPATING STATES FOR THE 1998-1999 SEASON****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	09/01/98	63 FR 46399

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul R. Schmidt
Phone: 703 358-1714**RIN:** 1018-AE96**1566. AMENDMENT BY BRAZIL TO APPENDIX III LISTING OF BIGLEAF MAHOGANY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 23**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	10/30/98	63 FR 58325
Final Action Effective	10/30/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Dr. Susan Lieberman
Phone: 703 358-2095**RIN:** 1018-AE99**1567. MARINE MAMMALS; INCIDENTAL TAKE DURING SPECIFIED ACTIVITIES OF POLAR BEAR AND PACIFIC WALRUS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 18**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	01/28/99	64 FR 4328

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Hannibal Bolton
Phone: 703 358-1718**RIN:** 1018-AF02**1568. MIGRATORY BIRD PERMITS; ADDITION OF SUBPART FOR MANAGEMENT OF OVERABUNDANT MIGRATORY BIRD POPULATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSERVATION ORDER FOR MID-CONTINENT LIGHT GOOSE POPULATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 21**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/16/99	64 FR 7517
Final Action Effective	02/16/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul R. Schmidt
Phone: 703 358-1714**RIN:** 1018-AF05**1569. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST THE SLENDER CAMPELOMA AND ARMORED SNAIL AS ENDANGERED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Merged With RIN	04/01/99	
1018-AF29		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AF13**1570. ENDANGERED AND THREATENED WILDLIFE AND PLANTS; PROPOSAL TO LIST ALLIUM GOODINGII (GOODING'S ONION) AS ENDANGERED OR THREATENED****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 17**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn	04/02/98	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** E. LaVerne Smith
Phone: 703 358-2171**RIN:** 1018-AF18

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1571. MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING; REGULATIONS TO INCREASE HARVEST OF MID-CONTINENT LIGHT GESE**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 50 CFR 20**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	02/16/99	64 FR 7507
Final Action Effective	02/16/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Paul R. Schmidt
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Proposed Rule Stage

National Park Service (NPS)

1572. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE SYMBOLS: UNITED STATES PARK POLICE INSIGNIA**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 11**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The rule will recognize an official United States Park Police insignia, provide for its future protection and prevent the unauthorized use of the insignia. The rule proposes to amend sections regarding authorized use and protection of the arrowhead symbol, add a section regarding the use and protection of the Park Ranger badge, and delete reference to the "Parkscape Symbol."**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment	08/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Chip H. Davis, Staff Park Ranger, Ranger Activities Division, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, MS 7408, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1024-AB94**1573. APPLICABILITY AND RESOURCE PROTECTION REVISIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 462**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 2**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** A major revision of 36 CFR part 2 was completed in 1983. This current review is to address clarification of the applicability of these regulations in National Park Service areas, and to update existing resource protection and visitor use regulations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment	08/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Chip H. Davis, Staff Park Ranger, Ranger Activities Division, Department of the Interior, National Park Service, MS 7408, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240
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RIN: 1024-AC38**1574. NON-FEDERAL OIL AND GAS RIGHTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 230a; 16 USC 450kk; 16 USC 459d-3; 16 USC 459h-3; 16 USC 460ee; 16 USC 460cc-2(i); 16 USC 460m; 16 USC 698c; 16 USC 698f; 16 USC 3101; 18 USC 3571; 18 USC 3581; 43 USC 600d**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 9**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will update existing regulations that were promulgated in 1978 to make them consistent with existing laws, policies, and practices and will improve their clarity and workability. The rule will implement Congressional mandates for park

resource protection contained in the Big Cypress National Preserve Act of 1988. The rule will strengthen the ability of the NPS to protect the natural, cultural, and historic resources of system units from non-Federal oil and gas and geothermal operations within park boundaries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment	08/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Carol McCoy, Chief, Policy and Regulations Section, Mining and Minerals Branch, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
Phone: 303 969-2096**RIN:** 1024-AC53**1575. DENALI NATIONAL PARK AND PRESERVE, SPECIAL REGULATIONS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant.
Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 462(k); 16 USC 3101 et seq**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 13.63**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This proposed rule will change out-of-date references to Mount McKinley National Park to Denali National Park. It will also consolidate in the special regulations existing designations closures, permit requirements, and other restrictions regarding vehicle use, vehicle traffic, oversize vehicles, snowmachines and public health, safety, and resource protection postings and closures.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Russ Wilson, Alaska
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Phone: 202 208-6381**RIN:** 1024-AC58**1576. VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC
SAFETY; OPERATING UNDER THE
INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3;
16 USC 9a; 16 USC 462k**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 4.23**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The National Park Service (NPS) is proposing to amend its regulations concerning motor vehicle operation under the influence of alcohol within units of the NPS. Current NPS regulations prohibit operation with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of 0.10 grams or more of alcohol per 100 milliliters of blood or 0.10 grams of alcohol per 210 liters of breath. On March 3, 1998, President Clinton directed the NPS to promulgate regulations adopting a stricter limit of 0.08 grams BAC within units of the NPS.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Chip H. Davis, Staff
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RIN: 1024-AC69**1577. SOLID WASTE SITES IN UNITS
OF THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3;
16 USC 4601-22(c)**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 6.7**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The National Park Service (NPS) proposes to amend 36 CFR 6.7 to clarify its applicability to mining-generated solid wastes in units of the NPS. The proposed amendments are not intended to change the substantive scope and goals of 36 CFR 6, which has been in effect since January 25, 1995.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:**
Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Julia Brunner,
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Phone: 303 969-2012**RIN:** 1024-AC70**1578. • CONCESSION CONTRACTS****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3;
16 USC 20**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 51**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The National Park Service is proposing to revise existing regulations governing the award of concession contracts. Title IV of Public Law 105-391 (the National Park Service Concessions Management Improvement Act of 1998) became effective on November 13, 1998, and repealed Public Law 89-249, the Concessions Policies Act of 1965. The new Act mandates revised procedures for issuing concession contracts as well as revised terms and conditions to be included in concession contracts. Section 417 of Public Law 105-391 requires the Secretary to issue implementing regulations as soon as practicable after the effective date of the Act. Existing regulations governing the concession contracting process are in conflict with several provisions of the new law and must be revised to reflect new statutory requirements. The proposed rule will affect approximately 625 concessioners operating within areas administered by NPS.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Wendy Mann, Senior
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SEASHORE; PUBLIC NUDITY****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3;
16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(g); 16 USC
462(k)**CFR Citation:** 36 CFR 7**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will close portions of Canaveral National Seashore to public nudity within the Volusia County boundaries of the Seashore. All of the Volusia County portion of the Seashore would be closed to public nudity except an area of approximately one-half mile by 2 miles of beach south of parking lot #5. Visitor conflicts due to friction between clothed and nude bathers currently exist and are increasing in the Volusia County section of the Seashore.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:**
Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Chip H. Davis, Staff
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Proposed Rule Stage

1580. • WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 470a-1; 16 USC 470a-2

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 73

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the existing World Heritage regulations to make necessary changes, such as correcting or eliminating the annual

calendar for preparing and submitting U.S. nominations (now outdated), correcting the criteria for selecting sites (also outdated), and providing more explicit procedures for public participation. The underlying treaty (World Heritage Convention) and law (Historic Preservation Act Amendments of 1980) will remain in place unchanged.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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Final Rule Stage

National Park Service (NPS)

1581. NATIONAL NATURAL LANDMARKS PROGRAM

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 461 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 62

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rulemaking will amend the current regulations for the National Natural Landmarks Program. Proposed changes include strengthening and clarifying provisions for landowner notification, adding requirements for voluntary landowner consent for natural landmark designation, and providing for review of natural landmark nominations by the National Park System Advisory Board.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	10/29/90	55 FR 43384
NPRM	11/21/91	56 FR 58790
NPRM Comment Period End	02/19/92	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1024-AB96

1582. GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK, ALASKA FISHING REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 3101 et seq

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 13.65

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The proposed regulations would allow several exemptions for specific commercial fishing activities in Glacier Bay National Park's marine waters from the existing Nationwide National Park Service prohibition on such activities. Some commercial fishing activities would cease at the end of their exemption period.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/05/91	56 FR 37262
NPRM Comment Period End	11/03/91	56 FR 46589
Reproposal	04/16/97	62 FR 18547
Comment Period End	06/01/98	63 FR 23706
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

Agency Contact: James M. Brady, Superintendent, Department of the Interior, National Park Service
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1583. RIGHTS-OF-WAY

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 3; 16 USC 5; 16 USC 79

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 14

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The regulations for rights-of-way found at 36 CFR part 14 subparts A to H were promulgated as interim regulations in 1980. The regulations no longer meet the needs of the Service or of rights-of-way applicants. Final regulations need to be developed through a revision of part 14.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/01/97	62 FR 63488
NPRM Comment Period End	01/30/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1024-AC01

1584. VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK: AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.33

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: This proposed rulemaking amends the current special regulations for Voyageurs National Park by adding a section designating areas open to aircraft use within the Park. This addition is necessary because National Park Service general regulations require such special regulatory designations for areas in parks open to the operation or use of aircraft. The intended effects are to increase safety, protect resources, and provide appropriate enjoyment to park users.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Interim Final Rule	08/02/95	60 FR 39257
NPRM	01/31/96	61 FR 3360
NPRM Comment Period End	09/05/96	61 FR 20775
Final Action	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1585. GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK AND JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR. MEMORIAL PARKWAY: SNOWMOBILE AND SNOWPLANE ROUTES AND REGULATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.22

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The National Park Service proposes to change the special regulations relating to the use of and designated routes for snowmobiles and snowplanes within Grand Teton National Park and John D. Rockefeller, Jr. Memorial Parkway. The proposed rule will define more clearly the use of snowmobiles, snowplanes, and designated routes. This rule can eliminate the use of snowmobiles in the Potholes-Baseline Flats area at the discretion of the Superintendent and establish special regulations allowing snowmobile use on the Continental Divide Snowmobile Trail. The proposed rule will also establish a requirement for operators of

snowmobiles within Grand Teton National Park to have a valid driver's license or learner's permit.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/25/95	60 FR 54633
NPRM Comment Period End	12/26/95	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1586. BIG CYPRESS NATIONAL PRESERVE; RECREATIONAL FROGGING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.86

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will allow the recreational, non-commercial taking of the pig frog (*Rana grylio*) in the Preserve. The rule will designate seasons, times, locations, methods, and means of taking, and establish harvest limits and permit requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/22/96	61 FR 59393
NPRM Comment Period End	01/21/97	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1587. DELAWARE WATER GAP NRA, BICYCLE TRAIL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(g); 16 USC 462(k)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.71

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will designate certain routes within a nondeveloped area of Delaware Water Gap NRA as open to bicycle use, and will regulate their use in this area.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/13/97	62 FR 60815
NPRM Comment Period End	01/12/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1024-AC62

1588. PERSONAL WATERCRAFT

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 3

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will provide a process for authorizing the use of personal watercraft in units of the NPS through area designations by the Superintendent using the criteria, procedures, and standards adopted by this rule. This rule will enable the NPS to better manage the burgeoning use of personal watercraft in units of the NPS.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/15/98	63 FR 49312
NPRM Comment Period End	11/16/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1589. KALOKO-HONOKOHO NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK: PUBLIC NUDITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(g); 16 USC 462(k)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.87

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will prohibit public nudity within the boundaries of Kaloko-Honokohou National Historic Park, Hawaii. The existing practice of recreational public nudity is in conflict with the enabling legislation of the Park (16 U.S.C. 396d) and the traditional values of native Hawaiian culture which the Park was created to perpetuate and preserve.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/20/98	63 FR 19436
NPRM Comment Period End	06/19/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1590. APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL—SNOWMOBILES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 16 USC 9a; 16 USC 460(l); 16 USC 462(k)

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 7.100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will designate trail crossings of snowmobile trails at three

locations along the Appalachian National Scenic Trail. These trail crossings are part of a State-approved network of snowmobile routes that exist on adjacent State lands. These crossings existed prior to the NPS assuming management of the National Scenic Trail. Designating these crossings fulfills assurances made by the NPS at the time of land acquisition that establishment of the permanent linear trail corridor would not sever established snowmobile routes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/19/98	63 FR 13383
NPRM Comment Period End	05/18/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1591. LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND OF ASSISTANCE TO STATES; POST- COMPLETION COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 16 USC 460l-4

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 59

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This amendment to 36 CFR 59 modifies Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) post-completion requirements by: (1) clarifying the "State" planning prerequisite for conversion approval; (2) allowing the recipient of an L&WCF grant to use non-recreation land it currently owns, or non-recreation land that is transferred from one public agency to another without payment, to satisfy the replacement requirement

when land acquired with L&WCF assistance is proposed for conversion to other than public outdoor recreation uses, assuming all other eligibility criteria are met; (3) eliminating the requirement to notify NPS of all instances of obsolescence and facility use changes; and (4) establishing standards for resolving premature conversions to ensure their timely resolution.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/08/98	63 FR 67638
NPRM Comment Period End	02/08/99	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1024-AC68

1592. INFORMATION COLLECTION ACTIVITIES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Legal Authority: 16 USC 1; 16 USC 3; 44 USC 3506

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 15

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This final rule is an administrative change to 36 CFR to condense and clarify NPS information collection activities. This change will remove references to OMB approvals for collections of information presently scattered throughout NPS regulations and consolidate them in one part of 36 CFR. These changes do not increase the burden of information collection as described in the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 or its implementing regulations at 5 CFR 1320.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Completed Actions

National Park Service (NPS)

1593. PROCEDURES FOR STATE, TRIBAL, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 61

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/09/99	64 FR 11736
Final Action Effective	06/07/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1024-AC44

1594. NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT REGULATIONS FUTURE APPLICABILITY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 10.13

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Further Action To Be Taken	01/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1024-AC57

1595. HYDROELECTRIC POWER PROJECTS IN THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM

Priority: Other Significant

CFR Citation: 36 CFR 19

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Further Action To Be Taken	01/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Prerule Stage

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

1596. • USE OR DISTRIBUTION OF INDIAN JUDGEMENT FUNDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1401 et seq

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 87

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update the existing provisions to reflect the

changes to the Indian Judgement Funds Distribution Act that were made in 1992 by Public Law 102-572.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD94

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

1597. INDIAN SCHOOL EQUALIZATION PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13; 25 USC 2008

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 39

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will change the definitions of some disabling conditions so that they are consistent with Department of Education definitions of some disabling conditions and adjust the way schools are reimbursed for student transportation services.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DOI—BIA

Proposed Rule Stage

Phone: 202 208-4555

RIN: 1076–AD09

1598. LEASING RESTRICTED LANDS OF MEMBERS OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, OKLAHOMA, FOR MINING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 356

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 213

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: BIA is revising this rule to ensure consistency with existing law and to improve operating procedures. Issues to be addressed include authority to lease inherited restricted land, processing lease payments through the Minerals Management Service, and the approval process for division orders.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD33

1599. EXPLORATION, MINING, AND RECLAMATION OF LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 355; 25 USC 396; 25 USC 473; 25 USC 501; 25 USC 396; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update part 216 to incorporate changes in regulations as well as the mining industry. It will bring the bureau into conformance with the standards of the Bureau of Land Management and the Office of Surface Mining and will protect the Indian mineral owners by giving them no less protection than what is given to Federal lands. Indian mineral owners will be protected

through the regulation of exploration for minerals by adequate measures that avoid, minimize, or correct damage to the environment, land, water, and the public safety.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD36

1600. TRIBAL REORGANIZATION UNDER A FEDERAL STATUTE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 473a; 25 USC 476; 25 USC 477; 25 USC 503

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 81

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains uniform procedures for conducting Secretarial elections for voting on proposed constitutions when tribes wish to reorganize, adopt constitutional amendments, ratify and amend charters, or revoke existing constitutions. This revision will incorporate changes to comply with Public Law 100-581.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD46

1601. PETITIONING PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 473a; 25 USC 476; 25 USC 477; 25 USC 503

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 82

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures for submitting petitions that request the Secretary to call elections to amend tribal constitutions, issue charters, and other actions. The revision will allow the petitioners' spokesman to make technical changes to petitions in consultation with the Bureau and to change the petition format.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD47

1602. ACADEMIC AND DORMITORY STANDARDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 2001; 25 USC 2002; 25 USC 2003; PL 95-561; 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 36

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will eliminate subparts A through G of 25 CFR 36. Of 189 Bureau schools, 179 have adopted State or regional academic standards. BIA will assist the remaining schools to achieve State or regional accreditation. This will render the rules in subparts A through G obsolete.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

DOI—BIA

Proposed Rule Stage

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RIN: 1076–AD55

1603. EDUCATION CONTRACTS UNDER THE JOHNSON-O'MALLEY ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 455 to 457

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 273

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will include guidelines and responsibilities related to agreements under the provisions of the Indian Self Determination Act Amendments of 1994. The new provisions will reduce the burden of reporting requirements by the tribes.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Agency Contact: Garry R. Martin, Education Specialist, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs
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RIN: 1076–AD58

1604. LOANS TO INDIANS FROM THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1469

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 101

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The direct loan program is being eliminated. We will eliminate most of 25 CFR 101 and will rewrite the rest.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD59

1605. ARRANGEMENT WITH STATES, TERRITORIES, OR OTHER AGENCIES FOR SOCIAL WELFARE AND RELIEF OF DISTRESS OF INDIANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 454

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 21

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau has never used this regulation. Other regulations in 25 CFR provide adequate authority for the Bureau to contract with other organizations to provide social services for eligible Indians. Because this regulation is not needed, we will remove it from the Code of Federal Regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/01/96	61 FR 33876
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1076–AD61

1606. SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: PL 104-4

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 277

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is being eliminated because the program it governs has never been funded.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1076–AD69

1607. ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 309; PL 88-230

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 27

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule for BIA's adult vocational training program is being rewritten in plain English as part of the President's regulatory reform initiative

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD72

1608. LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1451

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 103

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule for the guaranteed loan program is being rewritten in plain English as part of the President's regulatory reform initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

DOI—BIA

Proposed Rule Stage

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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RIN: 1076–AD73

1609. EMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE FOR ADULT INDIANS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 13**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 26**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The rule for BIA's employment assistance program for adult Indians is being rewritten in plain English as part of the President's regulatory reform initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1076–AD75

1610. CERTIFICATES OF DEGREE OF INDIAN BLOOD**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 9; 25 USC 13**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 70**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule establishes procedures for processing certificates of degree of Indian blood.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal

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RIN: 1076–AD78

1611. MORTGAGES AND DEEDS OF TRUST ON INDIVIDUALLY OWNED TRUST LAND OR LAND SUBJECT TO A RESTRICTION ON ALIENATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 483a**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 152**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: Indians may mortgage or give deeds of trust to their restricted land with approval of the Secretary of the Interior. The regulation will state the conditions under which approval will be given.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1076–AD85

1612. ACQUISITION OF TITLE TO LAND IN TRUST**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 2719**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 151**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: On September 18, 1980, we issued the first regulations for acquisition of title to land in trust by the United States for Indian tribes and individual Indians. This rule clarifies the process and criteria by which we determine whether to acquire title to land in trust.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 1076–AD90

1613. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 13**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 20**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The Bureau is updating this rule to reflect changes in welfare programs. The principal changes are due to Public Law 104-193 which enacted welfare reform and removed welfare as an entitlement. The revised rule will reflect changes resulting from this law and other developments in national welfare policy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:**

Undetermined

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RIN: 1076–AD91

1614. • LAND ACQUISITIONS FOR GAMING**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 2719**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 292**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule establishes the procedures that the Secretary will use to review tribal applications for trust acquisition of lands for gaming purposes. It applies only to trust acquisitions for gaming purposes.

DOI—BIA

Proposed Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Tribal

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RIN: 1076–AD93

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

1615. LEASING AND PERMITTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 395; 25 USC 402; 25 USC 403; 25 USC 466

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 162

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will reorganize the existing leasing and permitting rule into subparts and incorporate the provisions on range permits and leasing required by Public Law 103-177.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/17/96	61 FR 30560
NPRM Comment Period End	10/15/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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grazing and livestock for the former Joint Use Administrative Area. Due to a lack of tribal concurrence regulations were not promulgated for lands partitioned to the Navajo tribe. Navajo tribal concurrence has been recently obtained; therefore, the BIA needs to move forward with publication of these regulations. Any cost associated with the implementation of these regulations will be assumed within the BIA annual budget. Cost associated with compliance of the provisions of these regulations will be borne by the Navajo tribe or its members. There is no associated cost to the general public.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/01/95	60 FR 55506
NPRM Comment Period End	09/06/96	61 FR 29327
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AC81

1616. NAVAJO PARTITIONED LANDS GRAZING REGULATIONS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 640(d)

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 161

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: These regulations are necessary for implementation of the livestock and grazing control provisions of 25 USC 640(d). In 1982 the Federal District Court for Arizona abolished 25 CFR 153 Grazing Regulation for the Joint Use Administrative Area and ordered the Secretary to promulgate new regulations for the control of

1617. PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 25 USC 479

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 5

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Bureau is proposing to eliminate provisions relating to preference in employment because they expired on January 5, 1990.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/12/96	61 FR 36671

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	09/10/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1076–AD05

1618. GRANTS TO TRIBALLY CONTROLLED COMMUNITY COLLEGES AND NAVAJO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1801 to 1852; 25 USC 640; 25 USC 1831

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 41

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule applies to the provision of financial assistance technical assistance, and endowments to tribal colleges and Navajo Community College and will strengthen requirements relating to: (1) Criteria for satisfactory programs; (2) counting Indian students; (3) developing planning grants; (4) forward funding; (5) renovation and construction of facilities; and (6) preparing construction feasibility reports.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/01/97	62 FR 15446
NPRM Comment Period End	06/02/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

DOI—BIA

Final Rule Stage

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RIN: 1076–AD08

1619. INDIAN TRIBAL JUSTICE SUPPORT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-176; 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 13; 25 USC 200; 25 USC 3601 et seq

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 92

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will establish a base funding formula for the distribution of appropriations under the Indian Tribal Justice Act. BIA will use this formula to determine the funding levels to be awarded to eligible Indian tribes for use in establishing or enhancing traditional or contemporary justice systems.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Tribal Consultation	06/20/95	
NPRM	07/30/96	61 FR 39607
NPRM Comment Period End	09/30/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1076–AD15

1620. TRIBAL SELF-GOVERNANCE

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 103-413

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 1000

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will clarify how the Department and tribes will carry out their respective responsibilities under the Tribal Self-Governance Act of 1994. At the request of a majority of Indian tribes with self-governance agreements, the Secretary has established a negotiated rulemaking committee to

negotiate and promulgate such regulations as are necessary to carry out the Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
Notice of Intent to Establish a Negotiated Rulemaking Committee	02/15/95	60 FR 8806
NPRM	02/12/98	63 FR 7202
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal, Federal

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RIN: 1076–AD20

1621. LEASING OSAGE RESERVATION LANDS FOR MINING OF MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL AND GAS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 59-321

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 214

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This revision eliminates royalties for minerals not found within the Osage Mineral Estate and gives the Osage tribal Council authority for setting applicable royalty rates. This revision also replaces outmoded methods of exchange with modern methods and designates officials responsible for management of non-oil and gas minerals within the Osage Mineral Estate. The revisions will enhance the Department's management of the production of these minerals and eliminate inaccuracies in the current regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/08/96	61 FR 41365
NPRM Comment Period End	10/07/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD34

1622. LEAD AND ZINC MINING OPERATIONS AND LEASES ON QUAPAW INDIAN LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 66-359; PL 75-39

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 215

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update the procedures for leasing and discovery testing, processing, developing, and mining lead and zinc on lands under the jurisdiction of BIA's Miami Agency in Ottawa County, Oklahoma. The revisions will assist affected Indians with the efficient development of their lead and zinc deposits without waste, avoidable loss, or damage to their natural resources, the environment, or other resources. The rule will also retitle 25 CFR 215.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/27/96	61 FR 44019
NPRM Comment Period End	10/28/96	
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD35

1623. IRRIGATION PROJECTS AND SYSTEMS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 385

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 171

Legal Deadline: None

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Abstract: This rule governs the operation and maintenance of BIA-owned irrigation projects. It is being revised as part of the President's reinvention initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/96	61 FR 35167
NPRM Comment Period End	09/03/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD44

1624. INDIAN ELECTRIC POWER UTILITIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 385

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 175

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures governing the operation of BIA-owned power utilities. It is being revised as part of the President's reinvention initiative.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/07/96	61 FR 29040
NPRM Comment Period End	08/06/96	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1076-AD45

1625. APPEALS FROM ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 2

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule changes the BIA delegations of authority and appeals process. The change will reduce burden on the tribes since there will be less confusion about how to file appeals and the processing of appeals within the Bureau. The revision will also clarify the rule and make it consistent with Bureau policy.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/21/96	61 FR 31875
NPRM Comment Period End	09/19/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1076-AD50

1626. INDIAN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 1524

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 286

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The Indian Business Development Program is being discontinued. Entities already having received grants must submit business financial statements. The rule is being rewritten in plain English to reflect this situation.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/30/97	62 FR 4497
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076-AD70

1627. TRIBAL REVENUE ALLOCATION PLANS

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 2710; 5 USC 301

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 290

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule notifies the public of how tribal revenues are allocated.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/07/96	61 FR 29044
NPRM Comment Period End	08/06/96	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1628. COURTS OF INDIAN OFFENSES

Priority: Routine and Frequent

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301; 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 13; 25 USC 200

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 11

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will add offenses and clarify the authority of Courts of Indian Offenses.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/05/96	61 FR 35158
NPRM Comment Period End	09/04/96	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1629. USE OF COLUMBIA RIVER FISH ACCESS SITES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: PL 100-581**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 247**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures for permitting tribal use of fishing access sites on the Columbia River. These sites are required to allow tribes boat access to the river so that they may exercise their treaty fishing rights. The rule defines who may use the sites, permitted and prohibited activities, and health and safety standards. It also provides rules for using facilities located on the sites.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/97	62 FR 55767
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1076–AD83

1630. USE OF COLUMBIA RIVER IN-LIEU FISHING SITES**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 248**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule contains procedures for permitting tribal use of in-lieu

fishing sites on the Columbia River. These sites are owned by the Federal government and are necessary to allow boat access to the river so that Indian fishers can exercise their treaty fishing rights. The rule defines who may use the sites permitted and prohibited activities, and health and safety standards. It also provides rules for using facilities on the site.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/97	62 FR 55767
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1631. CLASS III GAMING PROCEDURES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 2; 25 USC 2710; 25 USC 9; 25 USC 301**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 291**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule establishes procedures that the Secretary of the Interior will use to promulgate rules for the conduct of Class III Indian gaming when a State and Indian tribe are unable to voluntarily agree to a compact; and the State has asserted its immunity from suit brought by an Indian tribe under 25 USC 2710(d)(7)(b).

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/22/98	63 FR 3289
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1632. PREPARATION OF ROLLS OF INDIANS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 1300d-3(b)**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 61**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: We must reopen the enrollment application process authorized under 25 USC 1300d-3 (b) to give individuals another opportunity to file applications to share in the Sisseton and Wahpeton Mississippi Sioux Judgment Fund distribution.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/08/98	63 FR 36866
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1633. CORRECTION OF CODIFICATION ERRORS IN 25 CFR**Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 11; 25 CFR 256; 25 CFR 700; 25 CFR 11; 25 CFR 151; 25 CFR 160; 25 CFR 140**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	03/23/99	64 FR 13894

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1634. EXPLORATION OR DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PLANS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq**CFR Citation:** 25 CFR 250**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: MMS requires companies to submit for approval their exploration and development plans for activities on the Outer Continental Shelf. The

companies must submit these plans before they can begin any activities, except preliminary activities. This rule would rewrite the requirements into clearer language and organize them into discrete sections by topic, to make them easier to follow.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	09/00/99	
ANPRM Comment Period End	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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1635. REFUNDS AND RECOUPMENT OF OVERPAYMENTS ON OCS
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 25 USC 181 et seq; 25 USC 351 et seq; 25 USC 1001 et seq; 25 USC 1701 et seq; 25 USC 1735; 25 USC 3716; 25 USC 3720a; 25 USC 9701; 25 USC 1301 et seq; 25 USC 1331 et seq; 25 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206; 30 CFR 218; 30 CFR 230

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows MMS to pay interest on Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas royalty overpayments and makes interest charges more equitable between the payor and the recipient. Interest will be paid on overpayments related to royalty, rent and estimates resulting from sales of Federal onshore and offshore oil and gas production.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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1636. TAKES VS. ENTITLEMENTS REPORTING
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1735**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 205**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule addresses reporting and payment requirements for production removed and sold from a Federal lease, unit participating area, or communitization agreement beginning September 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	08/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

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1637. PREPAYMENT OF ROYALTIES
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1735**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 204**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule allows payors to prepay royalty in lieu of monthly royalty payments for their marginal properties with approval from the affected States. It will establish the criteria used by payors, States, and MMS to calculate, report, and monitor royalty prepayments.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	02/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1638. CHRONIC ERRONEOUS REPORTING
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et

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seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 216; 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule eliminates assessments for late reporting and failure to report and modifies incorrect assessments. The new rule will define what is considered a chronic erroneous reporter and applicable assessments. Penalties for failure to report are also addressed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	
NPRM Comment	11/00/99	
Period End		

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Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1639. TRAINING LESSEE AND CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEES ENGAGED IN OIL AND GAS OPERATIONS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 133

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would require operators and lessees to ensure that their workers (including contractors) are properly trained and can demonstrate their proficiency to MMS. Operators and lessees will determine the type of training, teaching methods, training length, and frequency. MMS will develop appropriate performance measures and indicators. These measures may include: written testing; hands-on and simulator testing; audits, interviews, or cooperative reviews; and

incidence of noncompliance for civil penalty and events data.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	05/00/99	
NPRM Comment	09/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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1640. REVIEWING EXPLORATION PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION PLANS FOR COASTAL ZONE CONSISTENCY

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule proposes to amend provisions specifying how States will review exploration plans and development and production plans for coastal zone consistency.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/17/99	64 FR 7837
NPRM Comment	04/12/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1641. OIL AND GAS DRILLING OPERATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will be written in plain English, substantive changes will be incorporated, and the rule will reflect the results of the blowout preventer study.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	
NPRM Comment	12/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1642. PROSPECTING FOR MINERALS OTHER THAN OIL, GAS, AND SULPHUR IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 280

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will expand the provisions governing research by requiring everyone conducting geological and geophysical scientific research without a permit to file a notice with MMS. These revisions respond to changes in technology and practice.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	
NPRM Comment	12/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1643. LEASING SULPHUR OR OIL AND GAS IN THE OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: This action may affect the private sector under PL 104-4.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 280

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would update and clarify sections dealing with notices of sale, submission of bids, and lease awards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	
NPRM Comment	07/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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1644. CHANGE TO DELEGATED STATE AUDIT FUNCTIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735; PL 104-185; PL 104-200

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 227

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The revised rule would allow States to conduct audits and investigations of all or selected Federal oil and gas leases within State boundaries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/10/99	64 FR 6586
NPRM Comment	04/12/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1645. ROYALTY IN KIND FOR OIL AND GAS

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 192; 43 USC 1353

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 218

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This revision will establish a process for the Federal Government to accept oil and gas in lieu of royalty payments from selected Federal leases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	
NPRM Comment	06/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1646. DEEP WATER EMERGENCY WELL CONTROL OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1331 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would require an operator to have available a drilling unit capable of drilling a relief well in deep water. This unit could be

available either through direct control or contractual arrangement. The rule would also require an operator to provide evidence of financial capability to carry out emergency operations in deep water.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	
NPRM Comment	08/00/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1647. • UPDATE OF DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule incorporates by reference the following American Petroleum Institute Recommended Practices: Classification of Locations for Electrical Installations at Petroleum Facilities Classified as Class I, Division 1 and Division 2 (API RP 500) and Classification of Locations for Electrical Installations at Petroleum Facilities Classified as Class I, Zone 0, Zone 1, and Zone2 (API RP 505). By incorporating these documents, we will ensure that lessees use the best available and safest technologies while operating in the outer continental shelf.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/19/99	64 FR 13535
NPRM Comment	06/17/99	
Period End		

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1648. VALUATION OF GAS FROM INDIAN LEASES**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 206**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** The rule will amend the regulations governing the valuation of gas produced from Indian leases. The primary purpose of these amendments is to ensure that Indian mineral lessors receive maximum revenues from mineral resources on their land consistent with the Department's trust responsibility and lease terms.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/04/94	59 FR 39712
NPRM	09/23/96	61 FR 49894
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/97	62 FR 10247
Final Action Effective	08/00/99	
Final Action	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** Tribal**Additional Information:** This rule was developed using the negotiated rulemaking process which included representatives of MMS, Indian tribes, States, and industry.**Agency Contact:** David S. Guzy, Chief Rules and Publications Staff, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Mail Stop 3021, Denver, CO 80225-0165

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1649. VALUATION OF OIL FROM FEDERAL MINERAL LEASES**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 206**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule would modify the valuation procedures for both arm's-length and non-arm's-length crude oil transactions establish a new MMS form for collecting value differential data and amend the valuation procedures for the sale of Federal royalty oil. These changes would decrease reliance on oil posted prices and assign a value to crude oil that better reflects market value.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/20/95	60 FR 65610
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/19/96	
NPRM	01/24/97	62 FR 3742
Comment Period Extended	02/18/97	62 FR 7189
NPRM Comment Period Extended	02/24/97	62 FR 19966
NPRM Comment Period End	03/25/97	
Supplemental NPRM Comment Period End	07/03/97	62 FR 36030
NPRM Comment Period Extended	08/04/97	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	09/22/97	62 FR 49460
Comment Period Extended	10/23/97	62 FR 49460
Comment Period Extended	10/23/97	62 FR 55198
Supplementary NPRM Comment Period Extended	02/06/98	63 FR 6113
Comment Period Extended	03/24/98	63 FR 14057
Comment Period Extended	07/08/98	63 FR 36868
Supplementary Proposed Rule Comment Period Extended	07/16/98	63 FR 38355
Comment Period Extended	07/27/98	63 FR 40073
NPRM Comment Period End	07/31/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	09/00/99	

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1650. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS PROCESS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 2; 25 USC 9; 30 USC 189; 30 USC 285; 30 USC 359; 30 USC 1023; 30 USC 1702 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1334; 43 USC 1335**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 290; 30 CFR 241; 30 CFR 243; 30 CFR 250; 43 CFR 4**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will eliminate the current regulations for MMS appeals and replace them with new regulations for appeals to the IBLA of actions taken by MMS officials. The rule will establish requirements for developing the administrative record, holding settlement consultations, paying a processing fee, and presenting arguments and documentation for use in deciding appeals.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/28/96	61 FR 55607
NPRM Comment Period End	03/27/97	
NPRM	01/12/99	64 FR 1930

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Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment Period End	03/15/99	
Final Action	05/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC21

1651. VALUATION OF OIL FROM INDIAN LEASES

Priority: Other Significant. Major under 5 USC 801.

Legal Authority: 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 206

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would modify the regulations that establish royalty value for oil produced from Indian leases and create a new form for collecting value and value differential data. These changes would decrease reliance on oil posted prices and make Indian oil royalty valuation more consistent with the terms of Indian leases.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/20/95	60 FR 65610
ANPRM Comment Period End	03/19/96	
NPRM	02/12/98	63 FR 7089
NPRM Comment Period Extended	04/09/98	63 FR 17349
NPRM Comment Period End	05/13/98	
Supplementary NPRM	04/00/99	
Comment Period End	05/00/99	
Final Action	06/00/99	
Final Action Effective	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1010-AC24

1652. ACCOUNTING RELIEF FOR MARGINAL PROPERTIES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1735

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 204

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule allows reporters to seek accounting, reporting, and auditing relief for their marginal properties in accordance with section 117(c) of the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Management Act of 1982 as amended by the Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/21/99	64 FR 3360
NPRM Comment Period End	03/22/99	
Final Action	11/00/99	
Final Action Effective	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses

Government Levels Affected: State, Federal

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1653. POSTLEASE OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1334

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250.1 to 250.29; 30 CFR 218.154; 30 CFR 256.1; 30 CFR 256.4; 30 CFR 256.55; 30 CFR 256.73

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule is a complete rewrite in plain English and changes the current regulation by both adding and deleting language. Although some of these changes could be considered significant when compared to the current regulations, they support the policies and procedures now in place. The proposed rule is revised to be as broad and general in scope as feasible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/13/98	63 FR 7335
NPRM Comment Period End	06/17/98	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1010-AC32

1654. ELECTRONIC REPORTING

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 3101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701 et seq; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 210; 30 CFR 216

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would modify the requirements governing forms that MMS requires for reporting sales, royalties, and production information. The revisions will specify the media required for submission of reports and broaden the use of electronic commerce reporting.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/08/98	63 FR 17133
NPRM Comment Period End	06/08/98	
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	05/00/99	

DOI—MMS

Final Rule Stage

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** David S. Guzy, Chief Rules and Publications Staff, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Mail Stop 3021, Denver, CO 80225-0165

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RIN: 1010-AC40**1655. UPDATE OF INDUSTRY
ELECTRICAL STANDARDS****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1331 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 250**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule would update a document incorporated by reference that pertains to electrical installations at petroleum facilities.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	04/00/99	
Final Action Effective	06/00/99	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Kumkum Ray, Geologist, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, 381 Elden Street, Herndon, VA 20170

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Long-Term Actions

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

1656. ROYALTY PAYMENT LIABILITY**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 211**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** Responsibilities of Minerals Management Service include the collection of royalties, bonuses, rentals, and related revenues from Federal and Indian mineral leases. These monies are, for the most part, collected from the current designated payor on the lease. However, if MMS is unable to collect from the current payor, it must pursue collections from prior payor(s), the lessee, or an assignee of the lease. Existing regulations are unclear as to the responsibilities and liabilities of the parties involved. Therefore, MMS is amending its regulations to clarify payor, lessee, and assignee requirements and responsibilities for Indian mineral leases and Federal solid mineral and geothermal leases.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/13/94	59 FR 17504
NPRM	06/09/95	60 FR 30492

Action	Date	FR Cite
Comment Period Extended	08/30/95	60 FR 45112
Comment Period Extended	10/03/95	60 FR 56033
Final Action	04/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** David S. Guzy, Chief Rules and Publications Staff, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Mail Stop 3021, Denver, CO 80225-0165

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RIN: 1010-AB45**1657. CREDIT ADJUSTMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 5 USC 301 et seq; 25 USC 396 et seq; 25 USC 396a et seq; 25 USC 2101 et seq; 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 et seq; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 1701 et seq; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1301 et seq; 43 USC 1331 et seq; 43 USC 1801 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 218**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will limit adjustments on royalty payments and determine the use of administrative offset for certain collections. This rule was expanded to include post-Federal Oil and Gas Royalty Simplification and Fairness Act of 1996 impacts on credit adjustments and administrative offsets after the initial proposed rule was published, so a new proposed rule will be issued.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/17/93	58 FR 43588
NPRM Comment Period End	11/01/93	58 FR 50301
NPRM	04/00/00	
NPRM Comment Period End	06/00/00	

**Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required:** Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** David S. Guzy, Chief Rules and Publications Staff, Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service, P.O. Box 25165, Mail Stop 3021, Denver, CO 80225-0165

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
Minerals Management Service (MMS)
Completed Actions**1658. FILING FEES FOR REQUIRED RECORDS**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 30 CFR 256

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No further action will be taken.	02/01/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1659. OIL AND GAS PRODUCTION RATES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant
CFR Citation: 30 CFR 250

Completed:

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No further action will be taken at this time.	01/04/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)
Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)
Proposed Rule Stage**1660. ABANDONED COAL REFUSE SITES—TITLE I**

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
 Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq
CFR Citation: 30 CFR 785; 30 CFR 829; 30 CFR 830; 30 CFR 845; 30 CFR 870

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: OSM will propose new regulations governing permitting and performance standards for on-site processing of abandoned coal refuse piles and operations for removal of abandoned coal refuse piles. The rules are required to implement section 2503(e) of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1029-AB70

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 816; 30 CFR 780; 30 CFR 773

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend regulations to ensure that coal mine operators reclaim their operations in a contemporaneous manner using site-based contemporaneous standards.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1029-AB79

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: Tribal

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RIN: 1029-AB83

1663. DAM SAFETY RULES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant.
 Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 30 CFR 816; 30 CFR 817

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule requires the surface coal mining permittee to have an emergency action plan (EAP) at the time a dam is placed in service. This would bring OSM's regulations on EAPs into compliance with the Federal guidelines for dam safety and the Department Manual. It ensures that EAPs are in place for all Class "B" and Class "C" hazard structures that may not necessarily be regulated by the Mine Safety and Health Administration but for which OSM is responsible.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

1661. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

1662. INDIAN LANDS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 1201 et seq

CFR Citation: 25 CFR 200; 30 CFR 700; 30 CFR 740; 30 CFR 746; 30 CFR 750

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend regulations to allow OSM to contract to the Navajo and Hopi tribes certain functions relating to permitting mine plan review, bonding, and other functions authorized by the Indian land provisions of SMCRA. The rule is being proposed pursuant to a settlement agreement.

DOI—OSMRE

Proposed Rule Stage

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Ruchi Kohli, Civil Engineer, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
Phone: 202 208-2971**RIN:** 1029-AB92**1664. ELECTRONIC FILING OF THE OSM-1 FORM****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 870**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule would allow operators the option of electronically filing the information required by the OSM-1 Form. The form is used by coal operators to report the amount of coal sold, used or transferred during the calendar quarter; the method of coal removal; the type of coal removal; and other required information.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** Dennis Dechmerowski, Accountant, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Denver Federal Center, Building 20, Room B-2005, Denver, CO 80225

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE)

1665. DEFINITION AND CRITERIA FOR VALID EXISTING RIGHTS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 740; 30 CFR 745; 30 CFR 761; 30 CFR 772**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend the portions of the permanent program which address the circumstances which constitute valid existing rights to mine coal in areas where Congress has otherwise prohibited mining under section 522(e) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977. This revision is in response to a court decision in round III of the litigation on OSM's permanent program regulations.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/97	62 FR 4836
Comment Period Extended	05/30/97	62 FR 29368
Final Action	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Dennis Rice, Regulatory Analyst, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, MS 10 MIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240

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RIN: 1029-AB42**1666. PROHIBITIONS UNDER SECTION 522(E) OF SMCRA****Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 761**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will clarify the applicability of section 522 (e) of SMCRA to subsidence resulting from underground coal mining. Section 522 (e) prohibits surface coal mining operations in certain areas designated by Congress, subject to existing rights.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/31/97	62 FR 4864
Comment Period Extended to 08/01/97	05/30/97	62 FR 29368
NPRM Comment Period End	06/02/97	
Final Action	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Nancy Broderick, Regulatory Analyst, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, MS 10 SIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240

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RIN: 1029-AB82**1667. ENHANCING AML RECLAMATION****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 1201 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 707; 30 CFR 874**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will amend the definition of Government-financed construction in section 707. The definition concerns an exemption from the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act that is currently limited to construction funded with 50 percent or more by Government funds. This proposed change would have two impacts. It would create greater efficiency by allowing OSM to leverage limited Abandoned Mine Land Funds. It would also provide a means to address the abandoned unreclaimed refuse piles. The rule would facilitate reclamation through a new cooperative effort using resources and financing from the private sector.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/04/97	62 FR 59639
NPRM	06/25/98	63 FR 34768
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** State**Agency Contact:** Douglas Growitz, Hydrologist, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, MS 10 SIB, 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240

DOI—OSMRE

Final Rule Stage

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RIN: 1029-AB89

1668. OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL—REDESIGN**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 12012 et seq**CFR Citation:** 30 CFR 773; 30 CFR 778; 30 CFR 843; 30 CFR 701; 30 CFR 724; 30 CFR 774; 30 CFR 842; 30 CFR 846**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule would succeed the April 21, 1997, interim rule promulgated to comply with the

January 31, 1997, decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals. It will further clarify the definition and application of "owned and controlled" and "owns or controls" in permitting and enforcement processes. In developing this rule, we will examine current permitting and enforcement issues that may be ripe for review in order to ensure continued effective implementation of section 520(c) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	11/26/97	62 FR 63044

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/21/98	63 FR 70580
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Federal**Agency Contact:** Earl Bandy, Team Leader, Ownership and Control, Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement
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RIN: 1029-AB94

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

1669. REVENUES MANAGEMENT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 30 USC 191; 43 USC 375(e); 43 USC 391; 43 USC 392a; 16 USC 835; 30 USC 355; 30 USC 1019; 43 USC 374; 43 USC 375; 43 USC 394; 43 USC 521; 43 USC 501; 43 USC 562; 43 USC 525**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 403**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule specifies the appropriate crediting methods used for revenues generated by incidental use of Reclamation project lands and facilities in accordance with Federal law. It is being published so that water users have access to the legal requirements that the Bureau of Reclamation applies in the crediting of these revenues.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/12/94	59 FR 46801

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM Comment	01/13/95	59 FR 58808
Period End		
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Alonzo D. Knapp, Manager, Reclamation Law, Contracts, and Repayment Office, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 25007, Denver Federal Center, Denver, CO 80225-0007
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RIN: 1006-AA30

1670. RECOVERING THE VALUE OF RIGHTS OF USE AND RELATED ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 387; 31 USC 9701**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 429**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will include new requirements to comply with OMB Circular A-25, specify procedures for appealing decisions made by the Bureau, and include administrative procedures for concession contracts and cabin site leases.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Larry Schluntz, Economist, Reclamation Law, Contracts and Repayments Office, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
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RIN: 1006-AA39

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Final Rule Stage

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

1671. ACREAGE LIMITATION RULES FOR TRUSTS**Priority:** Other Significant**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 390aa to 390zz**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 428**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** During the recently completed Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA) rulemaking, the Department of the Interior received a number of comments regarding the compliance of certain large trusts with the acreage limitation provisions of the RRA. Comments expressed a variety of viewpoints, including the assertion that

some trusts with landholdings (owned and leased land) in excess of 960 acres may circumvent the requirements of Federal reclamation law. The Department has received comments on this issue from various parties and is now determining how best to proceed.

DOI—RB

Final Rule Stage

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	12/18/96	61 FR 66827
ANPRM Comment Period End	04/17/97	62 FR 7431
NPRM	11/18/98	63 FR 64154
NPRM Comment Period Extended	01/19/99	64 FR 2870
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1006-AA38

1672. OFFSTREAM STORAGE OF COLORADO RIVER WATER AND INTERSTATE MARKETING OF STORAGE CREDITS IN THE LOWER DIVISION STATES

Priority: Other Significant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 617; 43 USC 391; 5 USC 553; 43 USC 1501; 43 USC 485; 43 USC 546; 43 USC 340

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 414

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This proposed rule establishes procedures for the Secretary of the Interior to follow in administering interstate storage agreements among the Lower Division States (Arizona, Colorado and Nevada). These agreements will permit State-authorized entities to store Colorado River water offstream, develop intentionally created unused apportionment, and make intentionally unused apportionment available to be

used in another Lower Division State. The rule will help satisfy regional water demands by increasing the efficiency, flexibility, and certainty in Colorado River water management.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/31/97	62 FR 68491
NPRM Comment Period End	04/04/98	
NPRM Comment Period Extended	09/21/98	63 FR 50183
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Long-Term Actions

Bureau of Reclamation (RB)

1673. CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT OF CALIFORNIA—PURPOSES, USES, AND ALLOCATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

Priority: Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 5 USC 551; 5 USC 553

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 432; 50 CFR 1

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: The rule will address water measurement, water conservation standards, water transfers, tiered

pricing, renewal of long-term contracts, water banking and collection of payments into the restoration fund created by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act. This rule is being developed jointly by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	08/02/94	59 FR 39316
ANPRM Comment Period End	02/01/95	59 FR 67265
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: State, Local, Federal

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR (DOI)

Proposed Rule Stage

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

1674. LEASES, PERMITS, AND EASEMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1732; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2920

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the existing regulations to provide for

improved administration of leases, permits and easements under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/21/90	55 FR 48810
NPRM Comment Period End	01/22/91	
Second NPRM	02/09/95	60 FR 7878

Action	Date	FR Cite
Second NPRM Comment Period End	04/10/95	
Final Rule for Minimum Impact Land Use Permits Only	06/24/96	61 FR 32351
Final Rule Effective	07/24/96	
Third NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

DOI—BLM

Proposed Rule Stage

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AB51

1675. SALES—FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1701; 43 USC 1713

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2710

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend 43 CFR part 2710 to provide for improved administration of sales of public land under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1676. OIL AND GAS LEASING; DRAINAGE

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3100

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will specify who has the responsibility for drainage protection, what it constitutes, and when it begins.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/13/98	63 FR 1936
NPRM Comment Period End	05/15/98	63 FR 9171
NPRM Comment Period End	04/05/99	63 FR 66776
Final Action	To Be	Determined

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AC54

1677. DESERT LAND ENTRIES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2520

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will transfer much of the regulation on entries of desert land to the BLM Manual if the underlying statute is not repealed as no longer practical.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AC56

1678. DISPOSAL OF RESERVED MINERALS UNDER THE STOCK RAISING HOMESTEAD ACT

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 299

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3814

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, October 13, 1993.

Abstract: This rule will establish new procedures for mineral exploration and development under the General Mining Law of 1872 on lands where the surface was patented under the Stock Raising Homestead Act of 1916 and the mineral estate remains reserved to the Federal Government.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1679. LAND WITHDRAWALS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1714; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2091; 43 CFR 2310; 43 CFR 2370

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the regulations on withdrawals and revocations of withdrawals to streamline operations and clarify the regulations. It will also amend the regulations to expedite the opening of formerly withdrawn lands to the operation of the public land laws.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1680. COST RECOVERY; MINERAL FILINGS AND OPERATIONS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq; 30 USC 351 to 360; 30 USC 1001 et seq; 30 USC 22; 5 USC app; 31 USC 9701; 43 USC 1734

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3100; 43 CFR 3200; 43 CFR 3400; 43 CFR 3500; 43 CFR 3600; 43 CFR 3700; 43 CFR 3800

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend regulations for user fees for locatable

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minerals, mineral materials, and leasable minerals (solids and fluids) to adjust current fees or establish new fees in accordance with title V of the Independent Offices Appropriations Act of 1952 (user charges), OMB Circular A-25 "User Charges" and section 304 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected:

Undetermined

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1681. RIGHTS-OF-WAY, PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES; RIGHTS-OF-WAY UNDER THE MINERAL LEASING ACT

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2800; 43 CFR 2880

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will move much of the existing regulations to manuals notices to applicants, etc. This action will ease update of cost recovery schedules. Materials will be combined with other rights-of-way guidance.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1682. LAND CLASSIFICATION

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 315; EO 6910; EO 6964; 43 USC 1411 to 1418; 43 USC 869

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2400

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise 43 CFR group 2400 and redesignate it as part 1620. Most of these regulations are no longer needed because they contain either statutory reiteration or internal procedures best suited to the BLM Manual. Land classification can be accomplished through the BLM planning process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State

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RIN: 1004-AC78

1683. CAREY ACT GRANTS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 641 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2610

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will update these regulations as they are inconsistent with present day management policies. Application of these provisions of the Carey Act is rarely feasible due to limited water and suitable lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/10/96	61 FR 47725
NPRM Comment	10/10/96	
Period End		
Supplementary NPRM	02/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC80

1684. SEGREGATION AND OPENING OF LANDS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2091

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will simplify and modernize the existing regulations on segregation and opening public lands that are involved in various transactions such as sales or exchanges.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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RIN: 1004-AC84

1685. OIL AND GAS LEASING AND OPERATIONS

Priority: Other Significant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3100 to 3160

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise BLM's current Federal oil and gas leasing and operations regulations, except those concerning drainage (section 3100.2-2),

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combined hydrocarbon leasing (part 3140), and oil and gas leasing in the National Petroleum Reserve--Alaska (part 3130), to: (1) use performance standards in certain places instead of prescriptive requirements, to allow more flexibility for operators and protect the environment and Federal royalty interests; (2) cite industry standards and incorporate them by reference rather than repeating those standards in the rule itself; (3) incorporate the requirements of the Onshore Oil and Gas Orders and national notices to lessees into the regulations to eliminate their overlap with the current regulations; (4) revise and replace BLM's current unitization regulations with a more flexible unit agreement process; and (5) eliminate redundancies, clarify procedures and regulatory requirements and streamline procedures.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/03/98	63 FR 66840
NPRM Comment Period End	06/04/99	64 FR 14666

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Federal

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RIN: 1004-AC94**1686. APPEALS PROCEDURES; HEARINGS PROCEDURES****Priority:** Info./Admin./Other**Major:** Undetermined**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1701; 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1840; 43 CFR 1850**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: BLM proposes to amend its regulations that govern administrative review procedures for protests of proposed decisions, contests appeals of BLM decisions, and hearings on the record. The proposed regulations would provide more consistent procedures for administrative review of BLM

decisions, and would clarify when and how BLM decisions go into effect and whether an appeal will stay the effectiveness of a BLM decision.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/17/96	61 FR 54120
NPRM Comment Period End	01/17/97	61 FR 58160
Second NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AC99**1687. COLOR OF TITLE AND OMITTED LANDS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2540**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: As part of its reinventing government effort, BLM proposes to rewrite the current color of title and omitted lands regulations in plain English. No substantive changes are proposed.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AD00**1688. PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3622; 43 CFR 8365; 43 CFR 6600**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will consolidate into one part of the CFR various BLM regulatory provisions relating to paleontological resource management and rewrite them in plain English.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AD03**1689. GEOTHERMAL RESOURCE UNIT AGREEMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740; 30 USC 1001 et seq**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3280**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will rewrite unit agreement regulations, reduce and streamline information and permitting requirements, provide BLM maximum flexibility in permitting decision making to accommodate the full range of unitization scenarios, and reorganize the regulations to make specific requirements easier to find and understand.

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Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AD10**1690. COAL MANAGEMENT****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 189; 30 USC 359; 30 USC 1266; 43 USC 1733; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3400**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will clarify and streamline policy on coal exploration and post-lease operations. It will reorganize and revise portions of the Federal coal management program regulations, including exploration licenses, lease suspensions, lease administration diligence, and exploration and mining operations on leased Federal coal.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AD11**1691. OIL AND GAS LEASING; NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE, ALASKA—UNIT AGREEMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 42 USC 6503; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3130; 43 CFR 3135

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule would make clear that lessees may enter into unit agreements involving lands in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska. It would also allow for subsurface storage agreements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** None

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RIN: 1004-AD13**1692. SURFACE MANAGEMENT (LOCATABLE MINERALS)****Priority:** Other Significant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Legal Authority: 18 USC 1001; 30 USC 22; 30 USC 42; 30 USC 612; 43 USC 1061 et seq; 18 USC 3571 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3809**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: The proposed rule would: (1) redefine "unnecessary and undue degradation" to require the use of the "best available technology and practices" or other technology-based standards during the mining of locatable minerals and during the reclamation of mined lands, (2) incorporate performance standards for locatable mineral exploration and development, and (3) treat mining operations involving disturbance to 5 acres or less in a more stringent fashion.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	02/09/99	64 FR 6422
NPRM Comment Period End	05/10/99	
Final Action	12/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes**Small Entities Affected:** Businesses, Governmental Jurisdictions**Government Levels Affected:** State, Local, Federal

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RIN: 1004-AD22**1693. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE; LOCAL GOVERNMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Unfunded Mandates:** Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740; 31 USC 1601 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 1880**Legal Deadline:** None

Abstract: This rule will update the regulations on payments to State and local governments in lieu of taxes to reflect changes in law.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined

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RIN: 1004-AD23**1694. USE AUTHORIZATIONS (RECREATION)****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740; 16 USC 4601-6a

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 8370

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the regulations on the issuance of special recreation permits for purposes of clarification and updating and will add regulations on the issuance of recreation use permits for the use of fee areas.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	07/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: None

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1695. ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 5 USC app 1; 43 USC 1739; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 1784

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will remove most or all of the regulation because it duplicates advisory committee regulations elsewhere in the Code of Federal Regulations.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1696. COAL MANAGEMENT: GENERAL (PUBLIC PARTICIPATION)

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 30 USC 181 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3420

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the Federal coal management regulations by listing all opportunities for public comment in the coal leasing process.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	03/11/99	64 FR 12142
NPRM Comment Period End	05/10/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1697. MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 601 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3600; 43 CFR 3610; 43 CFR 3620

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise completely the regulations on mineral materials disposal to make them easier to understand. It will add provisions on recordkeeping and audit inspection, inspection and production verification, cancellation and suspension, appeals and clarification of the rights of competitive or noncompetitive purchasers against subsequent claims on and users of the public lands.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1698. EMERGENCY FIRE AND DISASTER REHABILITATION

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 315a et seq; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 9240

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will make emergency rehabilitation project decisions effective upon issuance to minimize unnecessary delay in repairing damage caused by fire and other natural disasters, and avoiding erosion and other adverse impacts on public lands resulting from natural disasters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

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1699. LOCATION RECORDING, AND MAINTENANCE OF MINING CLAIMS AND SITES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing

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Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 22 to 54; 43 USC 1740; 43 USC 1201

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3710; 43 CFR 3730; 43 CFR 3810; 43 CFR 3820; 43 CFR 3830; 43 CFR 3840; 43 CFR 3850

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the mining claim recordation and annual fee collection procedures to conform to the Fiscal Year 1999 Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act. It will also consolidate duplicative portions of 43 CFR part 3700 et seq. into 43 CFR part 3800 et seq., and remove the duplicative portions of these regulations from title 43.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Yes

Small Entities Affected: Businesses, Organizations

Government Levels Affected: None

Additional Information: The \$100 annual maintenance fee and related provisions expired on 9/30/98. The fee and related provisions were extended in the FY 1999 budget legislation. The existing regulations must be amended to conform to the legislation. BLM will take the opportunity to do long-delayed but necessary housekeeping of these parts of title 43 to consolidate duplicative sections.

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RIN: 1004-AD31

1700. MINERAL PATENT APPLICATIONS; ADVERSE CLAIMS, PROTESTS, AND CONFLICTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant. Major status under 5 USC 801 is undetermined.

Unfunded Mandates: Undetermined

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 30 USC 22 to 54; 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3730; 43 CFR 3740; 43 CFR 3860; 43 CFR 3870; 43 CFR 3820

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the filing and administrative procedures for mineral patent applications. It will also revise the procedures for filing adverse claims or protests against mineral patent applications and for mineral-in-character challenges to non-mineral land entries.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: Undetermined

Government Levels Affected: Undetermined

Additional Information: This rulemaking was ordered by the Secretary of the Interior on November 14, 1997. Much of the language of these regulations has remained unchanged since 1939 and needs modernization.

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1701. • ALASKA NATIVE VETERANS ALLOTMENTS

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: PL 105-276; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2568

Legal Deadline:

Final, Statutory, April 21, 2000.

Abstract: This rule will implement recently enacted legislation to allow for an 18-month open season in which certain Alaska Native veterans would be eligible for a 160-acre allotment under the 1906 Native Allotment Act. Such a veteran must have served between January 1, 1969, and December 31, 1971, and otherwise qualified under the 1906 Act as it was in effect before September 18, 1971.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	08/00/99	
NPRM Comment Period End	10/00/99	
Final Action	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: State, Tribal

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1702. MANAGEMENT OF DESIGNATED WILDERNESS AREA

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1701 et seq; 16 USC 1131 et seq

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 8560; 43 CFR 6300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will amend the existing regulations to remove obsolete provisions, clarify and simplify the regulations, and add provisions on access to inholdings, rights-of-way, use of mechanized equipment by certain individuals, access by Native Americans.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/19/96	61 FR 66968
NPRM Comment Period End	02/18/97	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1703. MANAGEMENT OF SOLID MINERALS OTHER THAN COAL

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 3500

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will remove repetitive introductory material and combine the common provisions of the series of regulations of leasing of specific non-coal minerals.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/18/96	61 FR 54384
NPRM Comment Period End	03/07/97	62 FR 5373
Final Action	05/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1704. DEFINITIONS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 1300

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will relocate definitions from various sections of BLM's portion of 43 CFR into a central section for general definitions. The new location will be in 43 CFR 1800. Several definitions that had been formerly repeated in various sections will appear as one consolidated definition.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	11/19/96	61 FR 58843
NPRM Comment Period End	01/21/97	
Final Action	01/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1705. INDIAN ALLOTMENTS

Priority: Info./Admin./Other

Major: Undetermined

Legal Authority: 43 USC 1201; 25 USC 334; 25 USC 336

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 2530

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will convert existing regulations to plain English and remove those portions that relate to procedural matters.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/16/96	61 FR 53887
NPRM Comment Period End	11/15/96	
Final Action	09/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1706. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Reinventing Government: This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.

Legal Authority: 43 USC 251; 43 USC 263; 43 USC 689; 43 USC 690; 43 USC 1201; 43 USC 1374; 43 USC 1740

CFR Citation: 43 CFR 1820

Legal Deadline: None

Abstract: This rule will revise the existing regulation to consolidate certain business practice rules and update to recognize modern technology.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	10/01/97	62 FR 51402
NPRM Comment Period End	12/01/97	
Final Action	04/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis
Required: No

Government Levels Affected: None

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1707. COALBED METHANE DEVELOPMENT**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 42 USC 13368**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3170**Legal Deadline:**

Final, Statutory, October 24, 1995.

Abstract: The rule will implement section 1339 of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. It will prevent conflicts in ownership of coalbed methane from impeding development of that resource by requiring pooling of development and payment of the proceeds into an escrow account until the ownership issue is resolved by a State entity of competent jurisdiction. The rule will also allow States to avoid the Federal regulations by promulgating their own

regulations that substantially comply with Federal requirements.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	09/15/95	60 FR 47920
NPRM Comment Period End	11/14/95	
Final Action	To Be Determined	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** David R. Stewart, Assistant Deputy State Director for Mineral Resources, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management Phone: 703 440-1728**RIN:** 1004-AC27**1708. RAILROAD GRANTS****Priority:** Routine and Frequent**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will eliminate existing text in the CFR.**Legal Authority:** 43 USC 1201; 49 USC 65**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 2630**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule will remove these regulations in their entirety due to their limited usage.**Timetable:**

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	04/00/00	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Ian Senio, Regulatory Analyst, Regulatory Management Team (WO-630), Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Mail Stop 401 L St., 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20240 Phone: 202 452-5049 Email: isenio@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AC76

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1709. MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL**Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3600; 43 CFR 3610; 43 CFR 3620**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Combined With RIN 1004-AD29	01/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Durga N. Rimal Phone: 202 452-0350 Email: drimal@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AC68**1710. CONVEYANCES, DISCLAIMERS, AND CORRECTION DOCUMENTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 1860**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Withdrawn - No Action Planned at This Time	01/15/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** Undetermined**Government Levels Affected:** Undetermined**Agency Contact:** Ted Hudson Phone: 202 452-5042 Fax: 202 653-5287

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RIN: 1004-AC82**1711. HELIUM CONTRACTS****Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 3750; 30 CFR 602**Completed:**

Reason	Date	FR Cite
Final Action	12/03/98	63 FR 66760

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** None**Agency Contact:** Shirlean Beshir Phone: 202 452-5033 Fax: 202 653-5287 Email: sbeshir@wo.blm.gov**RIN:** 1004-AD24

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Office of the Secretary (OS)**Final Rule Stage****1712. WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS****Priority:** Other Significant**Reinventing Government:** This rulemaking is part of the Reinventing Government effort. It will revise text in the CFR to reduce burden or duplication, or streamline requirements.**Legal Authority:** 16 USC 1278**CFR Citation:** 43 CFR 39**Legal Deadline:** None**Abstract:** This rule would establish uniform standards and procedures by which the Department of the Interior, through its agencies that administer

rivers in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System (Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Park Service), will consider Federal licensing of, or assistance to, water resources projects affecting designated Wild and Scenic Rivers or congressionally authorized Study Rivers.

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
NPRM	12/09/98	63 FR 67834
NPRM Comment Period End	02/08/99	
Final Action	06/00/99	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis**Required:** No**Government Levels Affected:** Federal**Agency Contact:** John Haubert,
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